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Method and Apparatus for Acceleration of Cryptographic Co-processing Peripherals

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to apparatus operative to accelerate cryptographic co-processing peripherals and additionally but not exclusively to the use of such an accelerated processing apparatus for polynomial based and prime number field arithmetic, extending the range of computational fields of integers and width of serial input operands in modular arithmetic public key cryptographic co-processors designed for elliptic curve and rsa type computations

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Security enhancements and performance accelerations for computational devices are described in Applicant's U.S. Patents 5,742,530, hereinafter "P1", 5,513,133, 5,448,639, 5,261,001; and 5,206,824 and published PCT patent application PCT/IL98/00148 (WO98/50851); and U.S. Patent application 09/050958, Onyszchuk et al's U.S. Patent 4,745,568; Omura et al's U.S. Patent 4,587,627, and applicant's U.S. Patent Application 09/480,102; the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference. Applicant's U.S. Patent 5,206,824 shows an early apparatus operative to implement polynomial based multiplication and squaring, which cannot perform operations in the prime number field, and is not designed for interleaving in polynomial based computations. An additional analysis is made of an approach to use the extension field in polynomial based arithmetic in Paar, C., F. Fleischmann and P. Soria-Rodriguez, "Fast Arithmetic for Public-Key Algorithms in Galois Fields with Composite Exponents", IEEE Transactions on Computers, vol. 48, No. 10, October 1999, henceforth "Paar".

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an aim of the present invention to provide a microelectronic specialized arithmetic unit operative to perform large number computations in the polynomial based and prime integer based number fields, using similar anticipating methods for simultaneously performing interleaved modular multiplication and reduction on varied radix multipliers.

A further aim of the invention is to provide a compact microelectronic specialized arithmetic logic unit, for performing modular and normal (natural, non-negative field of integers) multiplication, division, addition, subtraction and exponentiation over very large integers. When referring to modular multiplication and squaring using both Montgomery methods and a reversed format method for simplified polynomial based multiplication and squaring, reference is made to the specific parts of the device as a superscalar modular arithmetic coprocessor, or SMAP, or MAP, also as relates to enhancements existing in the applicant's U.S. Patent pending 09/050,958 filed March 31, 1998.

According to a first aspect of the present invention there is thus provided microelectronic apparatus for performing \otimes multiplication and squaring in both polynomial based $GF(2^q)$ and $GF(p)$ field arithmetic, squaring and reduction using a serial fed radix 2^l multiplier, B , with k character multiplicand segments, A_i , and a k character \oplus accumulator wherein reduction to a limited congruence is performable "on the fly", in a systolic manner, with A_i , a multiplicand, times B , a multiplier, over a modulus, N , and a result being at most $2k + 1$ characters long, including k first emitting disregarded zero characters, which are not saved, where k characters have no less bits than the modulus, wherein said operations are carried out in two phases, the apparatus comprising;

a first (B), and second (N) main memory register, each register operative to hold at least n bit long operands, respectively operative to store a multiplier value designated B , and a modulus, denoted N , wherein the modulus is smaller than 2^n ;

a digital logic sensing detector, Y_0 , operative to anticipate "on the fly" when a modulus value is to be \oplus added to the value in the \oplus adder accumulator device such that all first k characters emitted from the device are forced to zero;

a modular multiplying device for at least k character input multiplicands, with only one, at least k characters long \oplus adder, a \oplus summation device operative to accept k character multiplicands, the \otimes multiplication device operative to switch into the \oplus accumulator device multiplicand values in turn, and in turn to receive multiplier values from a B register, and an "on the fly" simultaneously generated anticipated value as a multiplier which is operative to force k first emitting zero output characters in the

first phase, wherein at each effective machine cycle at least one designated multiplicand is \oplus added into the \oplus accumulation device;

the multiplicand values to be switched in turn into the \oplus accumulation device consisting of one or two of the following three multiplicands, the first multiplicand being an all-zero string value, a second value, being the multiplicand A_i , and a third value, the N_0 segment of the modulus;

an anticipator to anticipate 1 bit k character serial input Y_0 multiplier values;

the apparatus being operable to input in turn multiplier values into the multiplying device in the first phase, said values being first the B operand, and concurrently, the second multiplier value consisting of the Y_0 , "on the fly" anticipated k character string, to force first emitted zeroes in the output;

the apparatus further comprising an \oplus accumulation device, operative to output values simultaneously as multiplicands are \oplus added into the \oplus accumulation device; and

an output transfer mechanism, operative in the second phase to output a final modular \otimes multiplication result from the \oplus accumulation device.

According to a preferred embodiment \oplus summations into the \oplus accumulation device are activated by each one of a series of successively newly serially loaded higher order multiplier character values.

Preferably, the multiplier characters are operative to cause no \oplus summation into the \oplus accumulation device if both the input B character and the corresponding input Y_0 character are zeroes;

are operative to \oplus add in only the A_i multiplicand if the input B character is a one and the corresponding Y_0 character is a zero;

are operative to \oplus add in only the N_i modulus, if the B character is a zero, and the corresponding Y_0 character is a one; and

are operative to \oplus add in the \oplus summation of the modulus, N_i , with the multiplicand A_i if both the B input character and the corresponding Y_0 character are ones.

Preferably, the apparatus is operative to preload multiplicand values A_i and N_i into two designated preload buffers, and to \oplus summate these values into a third multiplicand

preload buffer. obviating the necessity of \oplus adding in each multiplicand value separately.

Preferably the multiplier character values are arranged for input in serial single character form. the \oplus accumulation device is arranged for output in serial single character form. and wherein the Y_0 detect device is operative to anticipate only one character in a clocked turn.

Preferably, the \oplus accumulation device is operable to perform modulo 2, XOR addition/subtraction. and wherein all carry bits in addition and subtraction components are disregardable, thus not needing provisions for overflow and further limiting modular reduction in computations.

In a preferred embodiment, carry inputs are disabled to zero, and being operative to perform polynomial based multiplication.

Preferably, the apparatus is operative to provide non-carry arithmetic by setting S equal to zero acting on an element in a circuit equation computing in $GF(2^q)$,

Preferably, the apparatus is operative to provide non-carry arithmetic by omitting carry circuitry such that the S designates omitted circuitry and reducing adders and subtractors. designated \oplus to XOR. modulo 2 addition/subtraction elements.

A preferred embodiment is adapted such that the first k character segments emitted from the operational units are zeroes, zero forcing being controlled by the following four quantities in anticipating the next in turn Y_0 character:

- i the l bit S_{out} bits of the result of the l bit by l bit mod $2^l \otimes$ multiplication of the right-hand character of the A_i register times the B_d character of the B Stream, $A_0 \cdot B_d \text{ mod } 2^l$;
- ii the first emitting carry out character from the \oplus accumulation device, $S(CO_0)$;
- iii the l bit S_{out} character from the second from the right character emitting cell of the \oplus accumulation device. SO_1 ;
- iv the l bit J_0 value. which is the negative multiplicative inverse of the right-hand character in the N_0 modulus multiplicand register.

wherein values. $A_0 \cdot B_d \text{ mod } 2^l$, $S(CO_0)$, and SO_1 are \oplus added character to character together and "on the fly" multiplied by the J_0 character to output a valid Y_0 zero-forcing anticipatory character to force an l bit egressing string of zeroes.

The apparatus is preferably operable to perform \otimes multiplication on polynomial based operands in a reverse mode, said multiplication comprising multiplying from right hand MS characters to left hand LS characters, said apparatus further being operative to perform modular reduced \otimes multiplication without utilizing Montgomery type parasitic functions.

Preferably, the apparatus further comprises preload buffers, which buffers are serially fed and which are connected such that multiplicand values are preloadable into the preload buffers on the fly from one or more memory devices.

The apparatus is preferably operable to \oplus sum a previously emitted value from an additional n bit register, S , into the output value of the \oplus accumulation device via a 1 bit \oplus adder circuit such that first emitting output characters are zeroes,

wherein the Y_0 detector is operative to detect any necessity of \oplus adding moduli to the \oplus summation in the \oplus accumulation device,

wherein the Y_0 detector is further operative to detect utilization of the next in turn \oplus added characters $A_0 \cdot B_d \bmod 2^l$, $S(CO_0)$, SO_1 , S_d and $S(CO_2)$, and the composite of \oplus added characters to be finite field \otimes multiplied on the fly by the l bit J_0 value.

Preferably, for $l = 1$, J_0 is implicitly 1, and the $J_0 \otimes$ multiplication is carried out implicitly.

Preferably, a comparator is operative to sense a finite field output from the \otimes modular multiplication device whilst operating in $GF(p)$, wherein the first right hand emitting k zero characters are disregarded, wherein the output is larger than the modulus, N , the apparatus thereby being operative to control a modular reduction whence said value is output from a memory register to which an output stream from the multiplier device is destined, and thereby not requiring a second memory storage device for smaller ones of resulting product values.

Preferably, for \otimes modular multiplication in the $GF(2^q)$, the apparatus is operative to carry out multiplication without an externally precomputed more than 1 bit zero-forcing factor.

A preferred embodiment is operative to compute a J_0 constant by resetting either the A operand value or the B operand value to zero and setting a partial result value, S_0 , to 1.

According to a second aspect of the present invention there is provided a microelectronic apparatus for performing interleaved finite field \otimes modular multiplication of two integers A and B , so as to generate an output stream of A times B modulus N , wherein a number of characters in a modulus operand register, n , is larger than a segment length of k characters wherein the \otimes modular multiplication is performed in a plurality of interleaved iterations, wherein at each interleaved iteration, operands are input into a \otimes multiplying device, said operands comprising any one of N , B , a previously computed partial result, S , and a k character string segment of A , the segments progressing from a first string segment A_0 to a higher string segment A_{m-1} , wherein each iterative result is \oplus summated into a next temporary result, wherein at least first emitted characters of said iterations are zeroes, the apparatus comprising:

first (B), second (S) and third (N) main memory registers, each register respectively operative to store a multiplier value, a partial result value and a modulus;

a modular multiplying device operative to \oplus summate into an \oplus accumulation device, in turn one or two of a plurality of multiplicand values, during each one of a plurality of phases of the iterative \otimes multiplication process, and in turn to receive as multipliers, inputs from:

said B register;

an "on the fly" anticipating value (Y_0) source, said anticipating value being usable as a multiplier to force first emitting right-hand zero output characters in each iteration, and

said N , register;

the multiplicand parallel registers operative at least to receive in turn, values from the A , B , and N registers, and also said zero forcing (Y_0) value;

the apparatus further comprising a zero forcing (Y_0) detect device operative to generate a binary string operative to be a multiplier during a first multiplication phase and operative to be a multiplicand in a second multiplication phase;

the apparatus being operable to obtain multiplicand values suitable for switching into the \oplus accumulation device for the first multiplication phase, said values comprising firstly a zero value, secondly a value, A_i , being a k character string segment of a

multiplicand, A , and a third value N_0 , being the first emitting k characters of the modulus, N :

the apparatus further being operable to utilize a temporary result value, S , resulting from a previous iteration, to be \oplus summated with a present result value emanating from the \oplus accumulation device, to generate a partial result for a next-in-turn iteration;

the apparatus further being operable to utilize multiplicand values to be input, in turn, into the \oplus accumulation device for a second multiplication phase comprising firstly a zero value, secondly an A_i operand, remaining in place from the first phase, and thirdly a Y_0 value having been anticipated in the first multiplication phase;

multiplier values input into the multiplying device in the first phase being firstly an emitted string, B_0 , said multiplication device being operable to multiply said string concurrently \otimes with a second \otimes multiplier value consisting of the anticipated Y_0 string which is simultaneously loaded character by character as it is generated into a preload multiplicand buffer for the second phase;

two multiplier values operable to be input into the apparatus during a second phase being left hand $n-k$ character values from the B operand, designated \underline{B} , and the left hand $n-k$ characters of the N modulus, designated \underline{N} , respectively; and

wherein said apparatus further comprises a multiplying flush out device operative in a last multiplication phase to transfer a left hand segment of a result value remaining in the \oplus accumulation device into a result register.

Preferably, the apparatus is operable to perform \otimes multiplication on polynomial based operands in a reverse mode, multiplying from MS characters to LS characters, and thereby being able to perform modular reduction without Montgomery type parasitic functions.

According to a third aspect of the present invention there is provided apparatus operative in modular multiplication to anticipate a Y_0 value using first emitted values of a multiplicand, and present inputs of a B multiplier, carry out values from a \oplus accumulation device, \oplus summation values from the \oplus accumulation device, the present values from a previously computed partial result, and carry out values from a \oplus adder which \oplus summates the result from the \oplus accumulation device with the previous partial result.

Preferably, the apparatus is adapted to ensure that k first emitted values from the device are zeroes, said adaptation comprising anticipation of a next in turn Y_0 character using the following quantities:

- i l bit S_{out} bits of a result of l bit by l bit mod 2^l \otimes multiplication of the right-hand character of an A_i register times the B_d character of the B Stream, $A_i \cdot B_d \bmod 2^l$;
- ii a first emitting carry out character from the \oplus accumulation device, $S(CO_0)$;
- iii the l bit S_{out} character from a second from the right-hand character emitting cell of the \oplus accumulation device, SO_1 ;
- iv a next in turn character value from the S stream, S_d ;
- v a l bit carry out character from a Z output full adder, $S(CO_z)$;
- vi a l bit J_0 value, which is a negative multiplicative inverse of a right-hand character in the N_0 modulus multiplicand register;

wherein values, $A_i \cdot B_d \bmod 2^l$, $S(CO_0)$, SO_1 , S_d are \oplus added character to character together and "on the fly" \otimes multiplied by the J_0 character to output a valid Y_0 zero-forcing anticipatory character.

In a further embodiment there is also provided at least one sensor operative to compare an output result to N , the mechanism operative to actuate a second subtractor on the output of the result register, thereby to output a modular reduced value which is limited congruent to the output result value, thereby avoiding any necessity to allot a second memory storage for a smaller result.

In a yet further embodiment, a value which is a \oplus summation of two multiplicands is loadable into a preload character buffer comprising at least a k character memory register whilst one of the said two multiplicands is concurrently loaded into another preload buffer.

According to a fourth aspect of the present invention there is provided apparatus with one \oplus accumulation device, and an anticipating zero forcing mechanism, operative to perform a series of interleaved \otimes modular multiplications and squarings, and being adapted to perform concurrently the equivalent of three natural integer multiplication operations, such that a result is an exponentiation.

In an embodiment, next in turn used multiplicands are preloaded into a preload register buffer on the fly.

Preferably the apparatus is operable to \oplus sum two multiplicands into at least a k character register whilst concurrently loading one of the two multiplicands into a preload buffer.

In a further embodiment, apparatus buffers and registers are operative to be loaded with values from external memory sources and to be unloaded into an external memory source during computations, such that a maximum size of the operands is independent of sizes of said registers and said buffers.

In a yet further embodiment there is also provided a memory register, said memory register being typically serial -single -character -in /serial-single- character-out, parallel- at- least- k -characters- in/ parallel-at-least- k -characters-out, serial -single-character -in/ parallel -at -least - k -characters -out, and parallel- k - characters- in/ serial- single- character- out.

Preferably, the apparatus is operable to provide, during a final phase of a \otimes multiplication type iteration, at inputs of said multiplication device, a plurality of zero characters, which zero characters are operative to flush out a left hand segment of a memory of the carry save \oplus accumulator.

Preferably, the apparatus is operable to preload next in turn multiplicands into preload memory buffers on the fly, prior to their being required in an iteration.

Preferably, the apparatus is operable to preload multiplicand values into preload buffers on the fly from a central storage memory.

According to a fifth aspect of the present invention there is provided a microelectronic method for performing interleaved finite field \otimes modular multiplication of two integers A and B , so as to generate an output stream of A times B modulus N , wherein a number of characters in a modulus operand register, n , is larger than a segment length of k characters, wherein the \otimes modular multiplication is performed in a plurality of interleaved iterations, wherein at each interleaved iteration, operands are input into a \otimes multiplying device, said operands comprising any one of N , B , a previously computed partial result, S , and a k character string segment of A , a multiplicand, the segments progressing from a first string segment A_0 to a higher string segment A_{m-1} , wherein each iterative result is \oplus summated into a next temporary result, wherein at least first emitted characters of said iterations are zeroes, the method comprising the steps of:

\oplus summing into an \oplus accumulation device, in turn one or two of a plurality of multiplicand values, during each one of a plurality of phases of the iterative \otimes multiplication process, and in turn receiving as multipliers, inputs from:

a B register,

an "on the fly" anticipating value, Y_0 , operable as a multiplier to force first emitting right-hand zero output characters in each iteration, and

an N register;

generating a binary string operative to be a multiplier during a first multiplication phase and operative to be a multiplicand in a second multiplication phase;

obtaining multiplicand values suitable for switching into the \oplus accumulation device for the first multiplication phase consisting firstly of a zero value, secondly a value, A_i , which is a k character string segment of a multiplicand, A , and thirdly a value N_0 , being the first emitted k characters of the modulus, N ;

obtaining a temporary result value, S , resulting from a previous iteration, and \oplus summing said temporary result value, S , with a present result value emanating from the \oplus accumulation device, to generate a partial result for a next in turn iteration;

obtaining multiplicand values for a second multiplication phase comprising firstly a zero value, secondly an A_i operand, remaining in place from the first phase, and thirdly a Y_0 value having been anticipated in the first phase:

utilizing multiplier values obtained in the first phase, said values being firstly an emitted string, B_0 , and multiplying said string concurrently \otimes with a second \otimes multiplier value consisting of the anticipated Y_0 string as it is simultaneously loaded character by character whilst being generated into a preload multiplicand buffer for the second phase:

obtaining two multiplier values during the second multiplication phase, said values being left hand $n-k$ character values from the B operand, designated \underline{B} , and the left hand $n-k$ characters of the N modulus, designated \underline{N} , respectively; and

in a last multiplication phase transferring a left hand segment of a result value remaining in the \oplus accumulation device into a result register.

A preferred embodiment provides the additional step of computing $J_0=Y_0$ for $l=1$ by resetting both A and B to zero and setting $S_0 = 1$.

Preferred embodiments of the invention described herein provide a modular computational operator for public key cryptographic applications on portable Smart Cards, typically identical in shape and size to the popular magnetic stripe credit and bank cards. Similar Smart Cards as per applicant's technology of US Patent 5,513,133 and 5,742,530, and applicants above-mentioned pending applications are being used in the new generation of public key cryptographic devices for controlling access to computers, databases, and critical installations; to regulate and secure data flow in commercial, military and domestic transactions; to decrypt scrambled pay television programs, etc. and as terminal devices for similar applications. Typically, these devices are also incorporated in computer and fax terminals, door locks, vending machines, etc.

The preferred architecture is of an apparatus operative to be integrated to a multiplicity of microcontroller and digital signal processing devices, and also reduced instruction computational designs while the apparatus operates in parallel with the host processing unit.

This embodiment preferably uses only one multiplying device which inherently serves the function of two multiplying devices, basically similar to the architecture described in applicant's US Patent No. 5,513,133 and further enhanced in U.S. Patent application 09/050,958 and PCT application PCT/IL98/0048. Using present conventional microelectronic technologies, the apparatus of the present invention may be integrated with a controlling unit with memories onto a 4 by 4.5 by 0.2 mm microelectronic circuit.

The main difference between hardware implementations in the two fields is that polynomial based additions and subtractions are simple XOR logic operations, without carry signals propagating from LS to MS. Consequently, there is no interaction between adjacent cells in the hardware implementation, and subtraction and addition are identical procedures. The earliest public notice that the authors are aware of was a short lecture by Marco Bucci of the Fondazione Ugo Bordoni, at the Eurocrypt Conference Rump Session in Perugia, Italy, in 1994.

Previous applicant's apparati were typically prepared to efficiently compute elliptic curve cryptographic protocols in the $GF(p)$ field. In this invention we note that as there is no interaction between adjacent binary bits in the polynomial field, computations can be processed efficiently, simultaneously performing reduction and multiplication on a superscalar multiplication device. Multiplication is preferably performed as one might do with pencil and paper, starting from the most significant

partial products. Reduction is preferably performed by adding as many moduli as are necessary to reset ones to zeroes. As there is no carry out in these additions, our results are automatically modularly reduced. In this invention polynomial computations are preferably performed using the same architecture, wherein the operands may be fed in MS characters first, and wherein all internal carry signals may be forced to zero.

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the architecture has been extended to allow for a potentially faster progression, in that serial multipliers and results are now l character wide. This has somewhat complicated the anticipation process (Y_0), in that for single bit wide buses, an inversion of an odd number over a mod 2^n base is also an odd number, and the least significant bit of the J_0 multiplicand was always a one. For both number fields, however the reduction process is identical, assuming *the switch out of carries*, if we remember that our only aim is to output a k character zero string, and we regard the Y_0 function only as a zero forcing coefficient.

The present invention also seeks to provide an architecture for a digital device which is a peripheral to a conventional digital processor, with computational, logical and architectural novel features relative to the processes described in US Patent 5,513,133.

A concurrent process and a hardware architecture are provided, to perform modular exponentiation without division preferably with the same number of operations as are typically performed with a classic multiplication/division device, wherein a classic device typically performs both a large scale multiplication and a division on each operation. A particular feature of a preferred embodiment of the present invention is the concurrency of larger scale anticipatory zero forcing functions, the extension of number fields, and the ability to integrate this type of unit for safe communications.

The advantages realized by a preferred embodiment of this invention result from a synchronized sequence of serial processes. These processes are merged to simultaneously (in parallel) achieve three multiplication operations on n character operands, using one multiplexed k character serial/parallel multiplier in n effective clock cycles, where the left hand final k characters of the result reside in the output buffer of the multiplication device. This procedure accomplishes the equivalent of three multiplication computations in both fields, as described by Montgomery, for the prime number field.

By synchronizing loading of operands into the MAP and on the fly detecting values of operands, and on the fly preloading and simultaneous addition of next to be

used operands, the apparatus is operative to execute computations in a deterministic fashion. All multiplications and exponentiations are executed in a predetermined number of clock cycles. Additional circuitry is preferably added which, on the fly, preloads three first k character variables for a next iteration squaring sequence. A detection device is preferably provided where only two of the three operands are chosen as next iteration multiplicands, eliminating k effective clock cycle wait states. Conditional branches are replaced with local detection and compensation devices, thereby providing a basis for a simple control mechanism. The basic operations herein described may typically be executed in deterministic time using a device described in US Patent 5,513,133 to Gressel et al or devices as by STMicroelectronics in Rousset, France, under the trade name ST19-CF58.

An apparatus according to the above-described embodiments has particularly lean demands on external volatile memory for most operations, as operands are loaded into and stored in the device for the total length of the operation. The apparatus preferably exploits the CPU onto which it is appended, to execute simple loads and unloads, and sequencing of commands to the apparatus, whilst the MAP performs large number computations. Large numbers presently being implemented on smart card applications range from 128 bit to 2048 bit natural applications. The exponentiation processing time is virtually independent of the CPU which controls it. In practice, architectural changes are typically unnecessary when appending the apparatus to any CPU. The hardware device is self-contained, and is preferably appended to any CPU bus.

In general, the present invention also relates to arithmetic processing of large integers. These large numbers are typically in the natural field of (non-negative) integers or in the Galois field of prime numbers, $GF(p)$, and also of composite prime moduli. More specifically, a preferred embodiment of the present invention seeks to provide a device that can implement modular exponentiation of large numbers. Such a device is suitable for performing the operations of Public Key Cryptographic authentication and encryption protocols, which, in the prime number field, work over increasingly large operands and which cannot be executed efficiently with present generation modular arithmetic coprocessors. Furthermore they cannot be executed securely in software implementations. The same general architecture is used in elliptic curve implementations for shorter operands, and here polynomial arithmetic may advantageously be used in order to get the right answer the first time, without the burden of the parasitic 2^{nl} factor which is discussed at length in the incorporated documents.

The architecture may offer a modular implementation of large operand integer arithmetic, while allowing for normal and smaller operand arithmetic simply by widening the serial single character bus, i.e., use of a larger radix.

For modular multiplication in the prime and composite field of odd numbers, A and B are defined as the multiplicand and the multiplier, respectively, and N is defined as the modulus in modular arithmetic. N is typically larger than A or B . N also denotes the register where the value of the modulus is stored. N is, in some instances, typically smaller than A . A , B , and N are typically n characters long, where characters are typically one to 8 bits long. k is the number of 1 bit characters in the size of the group defined by the size (number of cells) of the multiplying device.

In the prime field, \equiv , or in some instances \equiv , is used to denote congruence of modular numbers, for example $16 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$. 16 is termed "congruent" to 2 modulo 7 as 2 is the remainder when 16 is divided by 7. When $Y \pmod{N} \equiv X \pmod{N}$; both Y and X may be larger than N ; however, for positive X and Y , the remainders are identical. Note also that the congruence of a negative integer Y , is $Y + uN$, where N is the modulus, and if the congruence of Y is to be less than N , u is the smallest integer which gives a positive result.

In $GF(2^q)$ congruence is much simpler, as addition and subtraction are identical, and the computations of embodiments of the present invention preferably never leave a substantial overflow. For $N = 1101$ and $A = 1001$, as the left hand MS bit of A is 1, we must reduce ("subtract") N from A by using modulo 2 arithmetic. $A \text{ XOR } N = 1001 \text{ XOR } 1101 = 0100$.

The Yen symbol, \yen , is used hereinbelow to denote congruence in a limited sense, especially useful in $GF(p)$. During the processes described herein, a value is often either the desired value, or equal to the desired value plus the modulus, for example in $X \yen 2 \pmod{7}$, X can be equal to 2 or 9. X is defined to have limited congruence to 2 mod 7. When the Yen symbol is used hereinbelow as a superscript, as in B^\yen , then $0 \leq B^\yen < 2N$, or stated differently, B^\yen is either equal to the smallest positive B which is congruent to B^\yen , or is equal to the smallest positive congruent B plus N , the modulus.

When $X' = A \pmod{N}$, X' is defined as the remainder of A divided by N ; e.g., $3 = 45 \pmod{7}$, and much simpler in $GF(2^q)$ - $1111 \pmod{1001} \equiv 0110$.

In number theory, the modular multiplicative inverse of X is written as X^{-1} , which is defined by $X X^{-1} \bmod N = 1$. If $X = 3$, and $N = 13$, then $X^{-1} = 9$, i.e., the remainder of $3 \cdot 9$ divided by 13 is 1 in $\text{GF}(p)$.

For both number fields, we typically choose to compute the multiplicative inverse of A using the exponential function, $A^{-1} \bmod q \equiv A^{q-2} \bmod q$.

The acronyms MS and LS are used to signify “most significant” and “least significant”, respectively, when referencing bits, characters, and full operand values, as is conventional in digital nomenclature, but in the reversed mode polynomial base, operands are loaded MS data first and LS last, such that the bit order of the data word is reversed when loaded.

Throughout this specification N designates both the value N , and the name of the shift register which stores N . An asterisk superscript on a value, denotes that the value, as stands, is potentially incomplete or subject to change. A is the value of the number which is to be exponentiated, and n is the bit length of the N operand. After initialization when A is “Montgomery P field normalized” to A^* ($A^* = 2^n A$ - explained in P1) A^* and N are typically constant values throughout the intermediate step in the exponentiation. In $\text{GF}(2^q)$ computations where computations might be performed with the normal unreversed positioning of bits we would be bound by this same protocol. However, using the reversed format, our computations generate most significant zeroes, which are disregarded, and do not represent a multiplication shift, as there is no carry out.

During a first iteration, after initialization of an exponentiation, B is equal to A^* . B is also the name of the register wherein the accumulated value that finally equals the desired result of exponentiation resides. S or S^* designates a temporary value; and S designates the register or registers in which all but the single MS bit of a $\text{GF}(p)$ S is stored. (S^* concatenated with this MS bit is identical to S .) $S(i-1)$ denotes the value of S at the outset of the i 'th iteration. In these polynomial computations there is no need to perform modular reduction on S .

Montgomery multiplication of X and Y in the prime number field is actually $(X \cdot Y \cdot 2^{-n}) \bmod N$, where n is typically the number of characters in a modulus. This is written, $P(A \cdot B)_N$, and denotes MM or multiplication in the P field. In the context of Montgomery mathematics, we refer to multiplication and squaring in the P field as multiplication and squaring operations.

We may redefine this innovative extension of Montgomery arithmetic in $\text{GF}(2^q)$ to mean a reversed format data order, wherein MS zero forcing does not change

congruence, or initiate a burdensome parasitic factor. We may thus introduce a new set of symbols to accommodate the thus described arithmetic extension, and to use wider serial multiplier buses. Such an architecture is potentially vital for enabling a natural integer superscalar multiplier, which may accept 32 bit multiplicands and 4 bit multipliers, into an apparatus that can perform modular arithmetic multiplications and reductions simultaneously.

Symbols in the Serial - Parallel Super Scalar Modular Multiplier Enhancement

- l Number of bits in a character (digit).
- r Radix of multiplier character, $r = 2^l$.
- n Size of operands (multiplier, multiplicand and modulus) in characters.
- k Length of serial-parallel multiplier in characters.
- m Number of interleaved slices of multiplicand. $m = (n/k)$.
- S_i Result of i 'th iteration; $0 \leq i \leq m-1$; $S_0 = 0$.
- $(S_i)_0$ The right hand character of the i 'th result, after disregarding the first right hand zeroes.
- \underline{S}_i The left hand $n-k$ characters of the i 'th result.
- S_{ij} j 'th character of S_i .
- A Parallel multiplicand consists of $m \cdot k$ characters.
- A_i The i 'th k character slice of A .
- A_{i1} The 1 'th character of A_i .
- B Serial multiplier.
- B_0 First right hand k characters of B .
- \underline{B} Last left hand $(n-k)$ characters of B .
- B_{0j} j 'th character of B_0 .
- \underline{B}_j j 'th character of \underline{B} .
- N Modulus operand. (Often denotes both the operand and the register.)
- N_0 The Right Hand k characters of N .
- $\{ \text{LS characters in GF}(p); \text{MS characters in GF}(2^q) \}$
- \underline{N} $(n-k)$ Left Hand characters of N .
- $\{ \text{MS characters in GF}(p); \text{LS characters in GF}(2^q) \}$
- N_{0j} j 'th character of N_0 .

\underline{A}_i j 'th character of \underline{A} .

Y_0 Zero forcing variable required for both Montgomery GF(p) and GF(2^q) multiplication. Y_0 is k characters long.

Y_{0i} j 'th character of Y_0 .

J_{00} Zero forcing character function of the modulus, N , for "on the fly" finite field multiplication and reduction.

$Carry_j$ j 'th internal carry character of radix r serial-parallel multiplier.

$Carry_s$ radix r carry of output serial adder for GF(p) computations.

Sum_i j 'th internal sum character of radix r serial-parallel multiplier.

LS Least Significant.

MS Most Significant.

\parallel Concatenation, e.g. $A = 110$, $B = 1101$; $A \parallel B = 1101101$.

Right Hand The Least Significant portion of all GF(p) computation data blocks and the Most Significant portion of the reversed GF(2^q) format, conversely Left Hand definition.

GF(p) Galois Field, strictly speaking finite fields over prime numbers where we also use composite integers that allow for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

GF(2^q) Galois Fields using modulo 2 modular arithmetic.

\oplus A generic operator or device which may be switched to add or subtract integers with or without carries as befits the number system.

\otimes A generic operator or device which may be switched to multiplication over GF(p) or multiplication over GF(2^q).

S The number field switch.

$S = 1$, the switch is operative to enable all carry in/outputs for GF(p) computations:

$S = 0$, the switch is operative to disable all carry in/outputs for GF(2^q) computations.

A Serial - Parallel Super Scalar Montgomery Multiplier computes a Montgomery modular product in three phases, wherein the last phase may be a single clock dump of the left hand segment in the CSA (MS for normal multiplications, LS for reverse mode polynomial computations.)

$S_0 = 0$: partial product initially zero.

For $i = 0$ to $m - 1$: at each interleave -

The process of the first phase is the generic interaction of the operands

$$(S_{i+1})_0 \oplus A_i \cdot B_0 \oplus Y_0 \cdot N_0$$

(B_0 and Y_0 are serially character by character fed into the multiplier, A_i and N_0 are parallel operands)

The first phase process implements a \oplus summation of the two superscalar products with the right hand character of the previous result. A k zero character string is emitted from the multiplying device, and is disregarded; and a partial result is preferably left in the device buffer which is summated into the second phase result.

(B_0 and Y_0 are serially character by character fed into the multiplier, A_i and N_0 are parallel operands).

The first phase result is R_0 concatenated with the serial out put being right hand zeroes.

The process of the second phase is the generic interaction of the operands:

$$R \oplus S_i \oplus A_i \cdot \underline{B} \oplus Y_0 \cdot \underline{N}$$

(\underline{B} and \underline{N} are serially fed into the multiplier, A_i and Y_0 are parallel operands)

At the end of the second phase, the left hand slice of S_i preferably remains in the Sum buffer of the Accumulator - ready to be transferred – and the right hand slice has emanated from the device, typically into an S register. Note that multiplication in the prime number field has been performed in a conventional carry save summation method. Multiplication in the $GF(2^q)$ reversed format mode has started at the MS characters. The Y_0 function has anticipated when a modulus value must be "added" into the accumulator. Except for the disabled carry bits in the device, the process itself is identical for the two number systems.

How the Y_{0j} zero-forcing vector may be derived in finite fields.

Compute: $J_{0j} \equiv -N_{00}^{-1} \bmod r$.

This single character of the function can be hardwire implemented with random logic, with simple circuitry, or with a simple look up table. Remember there are only 2^{k-1} different values that must be derived in a look up table. In $GF(p)$ prime

bers are odd, and the inverse of an odd number mod 2^k must always be odd. In the rse mode format, the polynomial modulus must be right justified. Therefore, if $l = 1$, J_0 multiplier is implicitly 1.

The result of a character output forced by the Y_0 function is always 0.

$$0 = (S_0 \oplus A_{i0} \cdot B_{0j} \oplus Y_{0j} \cdot N_{00}) \bmod r$$

Solving the above equation for Y_0 , we see that J_0 is the inverse of the right hand racter of N_0 .

$$Y_{0j} = (-N_{00}^{-1} \cdot (S_0 \oplus A_{i0} \cdot B_{0j})) \bmod r$$

$$Y_{0j} = (J_{0j} \cdot (S_0 \oplus A_{i0} \cdot B_{0j})) \bmod r$$

Formalizing the extended Super scalar multiplication method for both number fields:

Set $S_0 = 0$

For $i = 0$ to $m-1$ (Interleave iteration)

First phase:

For $j = 0$ to $k-1$

$$Y_{0j} = (J_{0j} \cdot (S_0 \oplus A_{i0} \cdot B_{0j})) \bmod r$$

$$S_i = (S_{i-1} \oplus A_i \cdot B_{0j} \oplus Y_{0j} \cdot N_0) / r$$

Second phase:

For $j = k$ to $n-1$

$$S_i = S_i \oplus A_i \cdot B_j \oplus Y_0 \cdot N_j$$

Implementation of the above algorithm with a character based serial-parallel multiplier is a simple extension of the above protocol:

Set $S_0 = 0$

For $i = 0$ to $m-1$ (Interleaved loop)

First phase:

For $j = 0$ to $k-1$

$$Y_{0j} = (J_{00} \cdot (S_{i0} \oplus A_{i0} \cdot B_{0j} \oplus S \cdot Carry_0 \oplus Sum_1 \oplus Quotient(S_{i0} \oplus Sum_0, r))) \bmod r$$

For $t = 0$ to $k-1$ (Whole loop with 1 clock pulse)

$$Sum_t = (Sum_{t-1} \oplus S \cdot Carry_t \oplus A_{it} \cdot B_{0j} \oplus Y_{0j} \cdot N_{0t}) \bmod r$$

$$Carry_t = (Quotient((Sum_{t-1} \oplus Carry_t \oplus A_{it} \cdot B_{0j} \oplus Y_{0j} \cdot N_{0t}), r))$$

(Output of multiplier in this stage is '0' s)

Second phase:

Main part

$$Carry_a = 0$$

For $j = k$ to $n-1$

For $t = 0$ to $k-1$ (Whole loop with 1 clock pulse)

$$Sum_t = (Sum_{t-1} \oplus S \cdot Carry_t \oplus A_{it} \cdot \underline{B}_j \oplus Y_{0t} \cdot \underline{N}_j) \bmod r$$

$$Carry_t = Quotient((Sum_{t-1} \oplus Carry_t \oplus A_{it} \cdot \underline{B}_j \oplus Y_{0t} \cdot \underline{N}_j), r)$$

$$S_{i,j-k} = (S_{i,j-2k} \oplus Sum_0 \oplus S \cdot Carry_a) \bmod r$$

$$Carry_a = Quotient((S_{i,j-2k} \oplus Sum_0 \oplus Carry_a), r)$$

Flushing of the multiplier

For $j = n$ to $n+k-1$

For $t = 0$ to $k-1$ (Whole loop with 1 clock pulse)

$$Sum_t = (Sum_{t-1} \oplus S \cdot Carry_t) \bmod r$$

$$Carry_t = Quotient((Sum_{t-1} \oplus Carry_t), r)$$

$$S_{i,j-k} = (S_{i,j-2k} \oplus Sum_0 \oplus S \cdot Carry_a) \bmod r$$

$$Carry_a = Quotient((S_{i,j-2k} \oplus Sum_0 \oplus Carry_a), r)$$

For a formal explanation with examples of the particular case where \mathbb{F} is a GF(p) field, see "P1".

The above describes a microelectronic method and apparatus for \mathbb{F} interleaved finite field \otimes modular multiplication of integers A and B op generate an output stream of A times B modulus N having n characters in the operand register wherein n is larger than k , wherein the \otimes multiplication performed in iterations, wherein at each interleaved iteration with operands in \otimes multiplying device, the operands consisting of N , the modulus, B , a mu

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longer, then the manipulations must be iterative, with progressing A_i slices. operations slices of B are typically snared from the B stream on the fly and into the A_i preload buffer.

At the first iteration of a multiplication procedure, the temporary results

Subsequent temporary results from previous iterations, are operationally \oplus summated with the value emanating from the \oplus accumulation device, to form a partial result for the next iteration in turn.

The multiplicand values to be input, in turn, into the \oplus accumulation device in the second phase are a first zero value, which is a pseudo register value, a second operand, remaining in place from the first phase, and a third Y_0 value anticipated in the first phase operative to continue multiplying the remainder of the N modulus.

The multiplier values input into the multiplying device in the first phase are the emitting string, B_0 , the first emitting string segment of the B operand, concatenated with the second \otimes multiplier value consisting of the anticipated remainder, which is simultaneously loaded character by character as it is generated into the multiplicand buffer for the second phase.

The two multiplier values input into the apparatus during the second phase are preferably the left hand $n-k$ character values from the B operand, designated B_{n-k} , and the left hand $n-k$ characters of the N modulus, designated N_{n-k} , respectively.

The third phase is a flush out of the device operative to transfer the remainder segment of a result value remaining in the \oplus accumulation device. This may be accomplished by a single clock data dump, or a simple serial unload, driven by zero characters in the multiplier inputs.

A particularly preferred embodiment of the present invention comprises a mode multiplication in the $GF(2^q)$. Because of the lack of interaction between cells in this arithmetic, it is possible to perform multiplication and reduction from the MS end of the product, thereby having a product that is the right value without a burdensome parasite, caused by disregarded zeroes which, are tantamount to performing a right shift in conventional Montgomery multiplication.

A further preferred embodiment that allows for automatic zero forcing is an extension of the Y_0 function of patent application P1. P1 describes a device wherein only one bit is anticipated at a time. There the J_{00} bit, only, multiplies the single bit XORed values. Both the multiplicative inverse of an odd number and its negative value produce an odd number. This saves implementing a look up table or a random logic circuit to compute the J_0 value for $l = 1$. Note, J_0 is a different quantity in non-alike number systems. We have shown in this extension how a Y_0 value can be derived, for both relevant number fields.

The following describes the elements of the circuitry operative to anticipate the Y_0 value using first emitting values of the multiplicand, and present inputs of the B multiplier, carry out values from the \oplus accumulation device, \oplus summation values from the \oplus accumulation device, the present values from the previously computed partial result, and carry out values from the \oplus adder which \oplus summates the result from the \oplus accumulation device with the previous partial result.

Stated differently, the six values that are operative to control the zero forcing function, are:

- i the 1 bit S_{out} bits of the result of the 1 bit by 1 bit mod $2^l \otimes$ multiplication of the right-hand character of the A_i register times the B_d character of the B Stream, $A_0 \cdot B_d \bmod 2^l$;
- ii the first emitting carry out character from the \oplus accumulation device, $S(CO_0)$;
- iii the 1 bit S_{out} character from the second from the right-hand character emitting cell of the \oplus accumulation device, SO_1 ;
- iv the next in turn character value from the S stream, S_d ;
- v the 1 bit carry out character from the Z output full adder, $S(CO_z)$;
- vi the 1 bit J_0 value, which is the negative multiplicative inverse of the right-hand character in the N_0 modulus multiplicand register:

wherein values, $A_0 \cdot B_d \bmod 2^l$, $S(CO_0)$, SO_1 , S_d are \oplus added character to character together and "on the fly" \otimes multiplied by the J_0 character to output a valid Y_0 zero-forcing anticipatory character to force an l bit egressing character string of zeroes.

Just as in P1, in order to determine if an output must be modular reduced, a sensor operative is to compare the output result to N , the modulus, and the mechanism is itself operative to actuate a second subtractor on the output of the result register, thereby to output a modular reduced value which is limited congruent to the output result value precluding the necessity to allot a second memory storage for a smaller result.

The single \oplus accumulation device, configured to perform multiplication, and an anticipating zero forcing mechanism together are operative to perform a series of interleaved \otimes modular multiplications and squarings. The total device performs the equivalent of three integer multiplications, as in a conventional Montgomery method J_0 is a k character device multiplying the first k character summation of $B_0 \cdot A_i$ and S_i , and finally using the Y_0 to multiply N .

Whilst the SuperMAP computes the last iteration of a multiplication, the first slice of a next multiplication can be preloaded into a preload register buffer means on the fly. This value may be the result of a previous multiplication or a slice of a multiplicand residing in one of the register segments in the register bank of Fig. 1 or Fig. 5.

The preloaded value, which is a \oplus summation of two multiplicands, is \oplus summated into k slices of a register, only, for $GF(2^q)$ computations. In $GF(p)$ computations, provision must be made for an additional carry bit.

Especially for very long moduli, buffers and registers adjacent to the SuperMAP typically have insufficient memory resources. Means for loading operands directly into preload buffers is provided, operative to store operands in the CPU's memory map. For reverse format multiplication, bit order of input words from the CPU are typically reversed in the Data In and Data Out devices..

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

For a better understanding of the invention, and to show how the same may be carried into effect, reference will now be made, purely by way of example, to the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a block diagram of the apparatus according to an embodiment of the invention where four main registers are depicted, and the serial data flow path to the operational unit and the input and output data path to the host CPU of Fig. 3 are shown;

Fig. 2 is a block diagram of an embodiment of an operational unit operative to manipulate data from Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a simplified block diagram of a preferred embodiment of a complete single chip, monolithic cryptocomputer, typically usable in smart cards;

Fig. 4 is a simplified block diagram of a preferred embodiment of a complete single chip monolithic cryptocomputer wherein a data disable switch is operative to provide for accelerated unloading of data from the operational unit;

Fig. 5 is a simplified block diagram of a data register bank, operative to generate J_0 ;

Fig. 6 is a simplified block diagram of an operational unit, wherein the Y0 sensor is a device operative to force a zero first phase output;

Fig. 7A is a simplified block diagram of the main computational part of Fig. 6;

Fig. 7B is an event timing pointer diagram showing progressively the process leading to and including the first iteration of a squaring operation;

Fig. 7C is a detailed event sequence to eliminate the "Next Montgomery Squaring" delays in the first iteration of a squaring sequence.

Fig. 7D illustrates the timing of the computational output of a first iteration of a multiplication sequence, relating to Fig. 7A, 7B, and Fig. 7C; and

Fig. 8 is a simplified schematic diagram showing how to generation the Y_0 function for $l = 4$.

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Figs. 1 - 2, taken together, form a simplified block diagram of a serial-parallel arithmetic logic unit (ALU) constructed and operative in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. An apparatus according to Figs. 1 - 2, preferably includes the following components:

Single Multiplexers - Controlled Switching Elements M1 to M13 select one signal or character stream from a multiplicity of inputs of signals and direct the selected signal to given outputs. The multiplexers are marked, and are intrinsic parts of larger elements.

M_K Multiplexer, 390, is an array of $k+1$ multiplexers, and chooses which of four k or $k+1$ character inputs are to be added into a CSA, 410.

In addition there are provided four registers B (1000), S_A (130), S_B (180), and N (1005), which together are the four main serial main registers in a preferred embodiment. The S_A register is conceptually and practically redundant, but can considerably accelerate very long number computations, and save volatile memory resources, especially in a case where the length of the modulus is $2 \cdot k \cdot m$ characters long.

Serial Adders and Serial Subtractors are logic elements that have two serial character inputs and one serial character output, and summate or perform subtraction on two long strings of characters. Components 90 and 480 are subtractors, 330, and 460 are serial adders. The propagation time from input to output is very small. Serial subtractor 90 reduces B^* to B if B^* is larger than or equal to N. serial subtractor 480, is used as part of a comparator component to detect if B^* will be larger than or equal to N. A full adder 330 adds two character streams and feeds the result into a load buffer 340. The two character streams are the same values as those stored in load buffers 290 and 320 and thus the result stored in load buffer 340 is equal to the sum of the values in load buffers 290 and 320.

The Load Buffers R1, 290; R2, 320; and R3, 340, as referred to above, are serial-in parallel-out shift registers adapted to receive the three possible more than zero multiplicand combinations.

Fast loaders and unloaders, 10 and 20, and 30 and 40, respectively, are devices to accelerate the data flow from the CPU controller. Typically these devices are DMA controlled. Devices 20 and 40 are for reversing the data word as necessary for reverse format $GF(2^n)$ multiplications.

Data In device, 50, is a parallel in serial out device, as the present ALU device is a serial fed systolic processor, and data is fed in, in parallel, and processed in serial.

Data Out device 60 is a serial in parallel out device, for outputting results from the coprocessor. A quotient generator 120 (Fig. 1) which generates a quotient character at each iteration of the dividing mechanism.

Flush Signal generators 240, 250 and 260 provide flush signals for the on B_d , S^*d , and N_d registers respectively. The generators 240, 250 and 260 each preferably comprise a flush control signal B_d flush, S_d flush and N_d flush respectively anded with a data out signal. The flush signal generators are made to ensure that the last $k+1$

characters can flush out the CSA, as the alternative would be a complicated $k+1$ character parallel output element to retrieve the MS $k+1$ characters of the accumulator.

Latches L1. 360; L2. 370; and L3. 380; are made to receive the outputs from the load buffers 290, 320 and 340, thereby allowing the load buffers the temporal enablement to process the next phase of data before this data can be latched into L2, L3, and L3.

There is also provided a Y0 Sensor, 430, which is a logic device that determines the number of times the modulus is accumulated, in order that a k character string of LS zeros will exit at Z in \otimes multiplications.

One character delay devices 100, 220 and 230 are inserted in the respective data streams to accommodate for synchronization problems between the data preparation devices in Fig. 1, and the data processing devices in Fig. 1.

The k character delay, shift register, 470, preferably receives the Nd result after disregarding zero output strings of the synchronized N for the larger than N comparison.

The Carry Save Accumulator 410 is almost identical to a serial/parallel multiplier, except that three different larger than zero values can be summated, instead of the single value usually latched onto the input of the s/p multiplier. When used in polynomial based computations "all carry dependent" functions are preferably disabled.

A D-type flip-flop Insert Last Carry, 440, is used to insert an $mk+1$ 'th character of the S stream as the S register is only mk characters long.

A borrow/overflow detector, 490, is connected to the output of the accumulator 410 and to the output of adder 460. It can thus either detect if the accumulator result is larger than or equal to the modulus (from N), or if the $m \cdot k \cdot l$ 'th bit is a one. In poly based arithmetic it would detect the first significant result bit.

The control mechanism is not depicted, but is preferably a set of cascaded counting devices, with switches set for systolic data flow.

For modular multiplication in the prime and composite prime field of numbers, we define A and B to be the multiplicand and the multiplier, and N to be the modulus which is usually larger than A or B. N also denotes the register where the value of the modulus is stored. N, may, in some instances, be smaller than A. We define A, B, and N as $m \cdot k = n$ character long operands. Each k character group will be called a

segment, the size of the group defined by the size of the multiplying device. Then A, B, and N are each m characters long. For ease in following the step by step procedural explanations, assume that A, B, and N are 512 bits long, ($n = 512$); assume that k is 64 characters long because of the present cost effective length of such a multiplier and data manipulation speeds of simple CPUs. In addition, $m = 8$ is the number of segments in an operand and also the number of iterations in a squaring or multiplying loop with a 512 bit operand. All operands are positive integers. More generally, A, B, N, n, k and m may assume any suitable values.

In non-modular functions, the N and S registers can be used for temporary storage of other arithmetic operands.

As discussed above, we use the symbol, \equiv , to denote congruence of modular numbers, for example $16 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$, and we say 16 is congruent to 2 modulo 7 as 2 is the remainder when 16 is divided by 7. When we write $Y \pmod{N} \equiv X \pmod{N}$; both Y and X may be larger than N; however, for positive X and Y, the remainders will be identical. Note also that the congruence of a negative integer Y, is $Y + uN$, where N is the modulus, and if the congruence of Y is to be less than N, u will be the smallest integer which will give a positive result.

We use the symbol, \pmod{N} , to denote congruence in a more limited sense. During the processes described herein, a value is often either the desired value, or equal to the desired value plus the modulus. For example $X \pmod{7}$. X can be equal to 2 or 9. We say X has limited congruence to 2 mod 7.

When we write $X = A \pmod{N}$, we define X as the remainder of A divided by N; e.g., $3 = 45 \pmod{7}$.

In number theory the modular multiplicative inverse is a basic concept. For example, the modular multiplicative inverse of X is written as X^{-1} , which is defined by $X X^{-1} \pmod{N} = 1$. If $X = 3$, and $N = 13$, then $X^{-1} = 9$, i.e., the remainder of $3 \cdot 9$ divided by 13 is 1.

The acronyms MS and LS are used to signify most significant and least significant when referencing bits, characters, segments, and full operand values, as is conventional in digital nomenclature.

As mentioned above, throughout this specification N designates both the value N , and the name of the shift register which contains N . An asterisk superscript on a value, denotes that the value, as stands, is potentially incomplete or subject to change. A is the value of the number which is to be exponentiated, and n is the character length of the N operand. After initialization when A is "Montgomery normalized" to A^* ($A^* = 2^n A^{-1} \pmod{N}$ - to be explained later) A^* and N are constant values throughout the intermediate step in the exponentiation. During the first iteration, after initialization of an exponentiation, B is equal to A^* . B is also the name of the register wherein the accumulated value which finally equals the desired result of exponentiation resides. S^* designates a temporary value, and S , S_A and S_B designate, also, the register or registers in which all but the single MS bit of S is stored. (S^* concatenated with this MS bit is identical to S .) $S(i-1)$ denotes the value of S at the outset of the i 'th iteration; S_0 denotes the LS segment of an $S(i)$ 'th value.

We refer to the process, (defined later) $P(A \cdot B)N$ as multiplication in the P field, or sometimes, simply, a multiplication operation.

As we have used the standard structure of a serial/parallel multiplier as the basis for constructing a double acting serial parallel multiplier, we differentiate between the summing part of the multiplier, which is based on carry save accumulation, (as opposed to a carry look ahead adder, or a ripple adder, the first of which is considerably more complicated and the second very slow), and call it a carry save adder or accumulator, and deal separately with the preloading mechanism and the multiplexer and latches, which allow us to simultaneously multiply A times B and C times D , summate both results, e.g., $A \cdot B + C \cdot D$, converting this accumulator into a very powerful engine. Additional logic is added to this multiplier in order to provide for an anticipated sense operation necessary for modular reduction and serial summation necessary to provide powerful modular arithmetic and ordinary integer arithmetic on very large numbers.

Montgomery Modular Multiplication

In a classic approach for computing a modular multiplication, $A \cdot B \pmod{N}$, the remainder of the product $A \cdot B$ is computed by a division process. Implementing a

conventional division of large operands is more difficult to perform than serial/parallel multiplications.

Using Montgomery's modular reduction method, division is essentially replaced by multiplications using two precomputed constants. In the procedure demonstrated herein, there is only one precomputed constant, which is a function of the modulus. This constant is, or can be, computed using an ALU device according to the present invention.

A simplified presentation of the Montgomery process, as is used in a device according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, is now provided, followed by a complete preferred description.

If we have an odd number (an LS bit one), e.g., 1010001 ($=81_{10}$) we can always transform this odd number to an even number (a single LS bit of zero) by adding to it another fixing, compensating odd number, e.g., 1111 ($=15_{10}$); as $1111 + 1010001 = 1100000$ (96_{10}). In this particular case, we have found a number that produced five LS zeros, because we knew in advance the whole string, 81, and could easily determine a binary number which we could add to 81, and would produce a new binary number that would have as many LS zeros as we might need. This fixing number is be odd, else it has no effect on the progressive LS characters of a result.

If our process is a clocked serial/parallel carry save process, where it is desired to have a continuous number of LS zeros, and wherein at each clock cycle we only have to fix the next bit, at each clock it is sufficient to add the fix, if the next bit would potentially be a one or not to add the fix if the potential bit were to be a zero. However, in order not to cause interbit overflows (double carries), this fix is preferably summated previously with the multiplicand, to be added into the accumulator when the relevant multiplier bit is one, and the Y Sense also detects a one.

Now, as in modular arithmetic, we only are interested in the remainder of a value divided by the modulus, we know that we can add the modulus any number of times to a value, and still have a value that would have the same remainder. This means that we can add $YN = \sum y_i r^i N$ to any integer, and still have the same remainder; Y being the number of times we add in the modulus, N, to produce the required LS zeros. As described, the modulus that we add can only be odd. Methods exist wherein even

moduli are defined as r^l times the odd number that results when i is the number of LS zeros in the even number.

The problem solved by the Montgomery interleaved variations, is aimed at reducing the limited storage place we have for numbers, and the cost effective size of the multipliers. This is especially useful when performing public key cryptographic functions where we are constantly multiplying one large integer, e.g., $n=1024$ bit, by another large integer: a process that would ordinarily produce a double length 2048 bit integer.

We can add in N s (the modulus) enough times to $A \cdot B = X$ or $A \cdot B + S = X$ during the process of multiplications (or squaring) so that we will have a number, Z , that has n LS zeros, and, at most, $n+1$ MS characters.

We can continue using such numbers, disregarding the LS n characters, if we remember that by disregarding these zeros, we have divided the desired result by r^n .

When the LS n characters are disregarded, and we only use the most significant n (or $n+1$) characters, then we have effectively multiplied the result by r^{-n} , the modular inverse of r^n . If we would subsequently re-multiply this result by $r^n \bmod N$ (or r^n) we would obtain a value congruent to the desired result (having the same remainder) as $A \cdot B + S \bmod N$. As is seen, using MM, the result is preferably multiplied by r^{2n} to overcome the r^{-n} parasitic factor reintroduced by the MM.

Example:

$$A \cdot B + S \bmod N = (12 \cdot 11 + 10) \bmod 13 = (1100 \cdot 1011 + 1010)_2 \bmod 1011_2.$$

$$l = 1, r = 2$$

We will add in $2^l N$ whenever a fix is necessary on one of the n LS bits.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 & B & 1011 \\
 \times & A & \underline{1100} \\
 \text{add } S & & 1010 \\
 \text{add } A(0) \cdot B & & 0000 \\
 & \text{----} & \text{sum of LS bit} = 0 \text{ not add } N \\
 \text{add } 2^n(N \cdot 0) & & \underline{0000}
 \end{array}$$

sum 0101 → 0 LS bit leaves carry save adder

add A(1) · B 0000

----- sum of LS bit = 0 - add N

add $2^1(N-1)$ 1101

sum 1001 → 0 LS bit leaves CS adder

add A(2) · B 1011

----- sum LS bit = 0 don't add N

add $2^2(N-0)$ 0000

sum 1010 → 0 LS bit leaves CS adder

add A(3) · B 1011

----- sum LS bit = 1 add N

add $2^3(N-1)$ 1101

sum 10001 → 0 LS bit leaves CS adder

And the result is $10001\ 0000_2 \bmod 13 = 17 \cdot 2^4 \bmod 13$.

As 17 is larger than 13 we subtract 13, and the result is:

$$17 \cdot 2^4 \equiv 4 \cdot 2^4 \bmod 13.$$

formally $2^{-n}(AB+S) \bmod N = 9(12 \cdot 11 + 10) \bmod 13 \equiv 4$

In Montgomery arithmetic we utilize only the MS non-zero result (4) and effectively remember that the real result has been divided by 2^n ; n zeros having been forced onto the MM result.

We have added in $(8+2) \cdot 13 = 10 \cdot 13$ which effectively multiplied the result by $2^4 \bmod 13 \equiv 3$. In effect, had we used the superfluous zeros, we can say that we have performed, $A \cdot B + Y \cdot N + S - (12 \cdot 11 + 10 \cdot 13 + 10)$ in one process, which will be described below in respect of one preferred embodiment.

Check- $(12 \cdot 11 + 10) \bmod 13 = 12$; $4 \cdot 3 = 12$.

In summary, the result of a Montgomery Multiplication is the desired result multiplied by 2^{-n} .

To retrieve the previous result back into a desired result using the same multiplication method, we would have to Montgomery Multiply the previous result by 2^{2^n} , which we will call H, as each MM leaves us with a parasitic factor of 2^{2^n} .

The Montgomery Multiply function $P(A \cdot B)N$ performs a multiplication modulo N of the A·B product into the P field. (In the above example, where we derived 4). The retrieval from the P field back into the normal modular field is performed by enacting P on the result of $P(A \cdot B)N$ using the precomputed constant H. Now, if $P \equiv P(A \cdot B)N$, it follows that $P(P \cdot H)N \equiv A \cdot B \pmod{N}$; thereby performing a normal modular multiplication in two P field multiplications.

Montgomery modular reduction averts a series of multiplication and division operations on operands that are n and 2n characters long, by performing a series of multiplications, additions, and subtractions on operands that are n or n+1 characters long. The entire process yields a result which is smaller than or equal to N. For given A, B and odd N there is always a Q, such that $A \cdot B + Q \cdot N$ will result in a number whose n LS characters are zero, or:

$$P \cdot 2^n = A \cdot B + Q \cdot N$$

This means that we have an expression that is 2n characters long, whose n LS characters are zero.

Now, let $I \cdot r^n \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ (I exists for all odd N). Multiplying both sides of the previous equation by I yields the following congruences:

from the left side of the equation:

$$P \cdot I \cdot r^n \equiv P \pmod{N}; \text{ (Remember that } I \cdot r^n \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \text{)}$$

and from the right side:

$$A \cdot B \cdot I + Q \cdot N \cdot I \equiv A \cdot B \cdot I \pmod{N}; \text{ (Remember that } Q \cdot N \cdot I \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \text{)}$$

therefore:

$$P \equiv A \cdot B \cdot I \pmod{N}.$$

This also means that a parasitic factor $I = r^{-n} \pmod{N}$ is introduced each time a P field multiplication is performed.

We define the P operator such that:

$$P \equiv A \cdot B \cdot I \pmod{N} \equiv P(A \cdot B)N.$$

and we call this "multiplication of A times B in the P field", or Montgomery Multiplication.

The retrieval from the P field can be computed by operating P on $P \cdot H$, making:

$$P(P \cdot H)N \equiv A \cdot B \bmod N;$$

We can derive the value of H by substituting P in the previous congruence.

We find:

$$P(P \cdot H)N \equiv (A \cdot B \cdot I)(H)(I) \bmod N;$$

(Note that $A \cdot B \cdot I \leftarrow P$; $H \leftarrow H$; $I \leftarrow$ and any multiplication operation introduces a parasitic I)

If H is congruent to the multiple inverse of I^2 then the congruence is valid. therefore:

$$H = I^{-2} \bmod N \equiv r^{2n} \bmod N$$

(H is a function of N and we call it the H parameter)

In conventional Montgomery methods, to enact the P operator on $A \cdot B$, the following process may be employed, using the precomputed constant J:

- 1) $X = A \cdot B$
- 2) $Y = (X \cdot J) \bmod r^n$ (only the n LS characters are necessary)
- 3) $Z = X \div Y \cdot N$
- 4) $S = Z / r^n$ (The requirement on J is that it forces Z to be divisible by r^n)
- 5) $P \nless S \bmod N$ (N is to be subtracted from S, if $S \geq N$)

Finally, at step 5) :

$$P \nless P(A \cdot B)N,$$

[After the subtraction of N, if necessary:

$$P = P(A \cdot B)N.]$$

Following the above:

$$Y = A \cdot B \cdot J \bmod r^n \text{ (using only the n LS characters) ;}$$

and:

$$Z = A \cdot B \div (A \cdot B \cdot J \bmod r^n) \cdot N.$$

In order that Z be divisible by r^n (the n LS characters of Z are preferably zero) the following congruence preferably exists:

$$[A \cdot B \div (A \cdot B \cdot J \bmod r^n) \cdot N] \bmod r^n \equiv 0$$

In order that this congruence will exist, $N \cdot J \bmod r^n$ are congruent to -1 or:

$$J \equiv -N^{-1} \bmod r^n.$$

and we have found the constant J.

J, therefore, is a precomputed constant which is a function of N only. However, in a machine that outputs a MM result, character by character, provision should be made to add in Ns at each instance where the output character in the LS string would otherwise have been a zero, thereby obviating the necessity of precomputing J and subsequently computing $Y = A \cdot B \cdot J \bmod r^n$, as Y can be detected character by character using hardwired logic. As discussed in detail above, this method can only work for odd Ns.

Therefore, as is apparent, the process described employs three multiplications, one summation, and a maximum of one subtraction, for the given A, B, N, and a precomputed constant to obtain $P(A \cdot B)N$. Using this result, the same process and a precomputed constant, H, (a function of the modulo N), we are able to find $A \cdot B \bmod N$. As A can also be equal to B, this basic operator can be used as a device to square or multiply in the modular arithmetic.

Interleaved Montgomery Modular Multiplication

The previous section describes a method for modular multiplication which involved multiplications of operands which were all n characters long, and results which required $2n + 1$ characters of storage space.

Using Montgomery's interleaved reduction (as described in the aforementioned paper by Dussé), it is possible to perform the multiplication operations with shorter operands, registers, and hardware multipliers; enabling the implementation of an electronic device with relatively few logic gates.

First we will describe how the device can work, if at each iteration of the interleave, we compute the number of times that N is added, using the J_0 constant. Later, we describe how to interleave, using a hardware derivation of Y_0 , which will eliminate the J_0 - phase of each multiplication {2} in the following example}, and enable us to integrate the functions of two separate serial/multipliers into the new single generic

multiplier which can perform $A \cdot B + C \cdot N + S$ at better than double speed using similar silicon resources.

Using a k character multiplier, it is convenient to define segments of k character length: there are m segments in n characters: i.e., $m \cdot k = n$.

J_0 will be the LS segment of J .

Therefore:

$$J_0 \equiv -N_0^{-1} \bmod r^k \quad (J_0 \text{ exists as } N \text{ is odd}).$$

Note, the J and J_0 constants are compensating numbers that when enacted on the potential output, tell us how many times to add the modulus, in order to have a predefined number of least significant zeros. We will later describe an additional advantage to the present serial device; since, as the next serial bit of output can be easily determined, we can always add the modulus (always odd) to the next intermediate result. This is the case if, without this addition, the output character, the LS serial bit exiting the CSA, would have been a "1"; thereby adding in the modulus to the previous even intermediate result, and thereby promising another LS zero in the output string. Remember, congruency is maintained, as no matter how many times the modulus is added to the result, the remainder is constant.

In the conventional use of Montgomery's interleaved reduction, $R(A \cdot B)N$ is enacted in m iterations as described in the following steps (1) to (5):

Initially $S(0) = 0$ (the \forall value of S at the outset of the first iteration).

For $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$:

1) $X = S(i-1) + A_{i-1} \cdot B$ (A_{i-1} is the $i-1$ th character of A ; $S(i-1)$ is the value of S at the outset of the i 'th iteration.)

2) $Y_0 = X_0 \cdot J_0 \bmod r^k$ (The LS k characters of the product of $X_0 \cdot J_0$)

(The process uses and computes the k LS characters only, e.g., the least significant 64 characters)

In the preferred implementation, this step is obviated, because in a serial machine Y_0 can be anticipated character by character.

3) $Z = X + Y_0 \cdot N$

4) $S(i) = Z/r^k$ (The k LS characters of Z are always 0, therefore Z is always divisible by r^k . This division is tantamount to a k character right shift as the LS k

characters of Z are all zeros; or as will be seen in the circuit, the LS k characters of Z are simply disregarded.

(5) $S(i) = S(i) \bmod N$ (N is to be subtracted from those $S(i)$'s which are larger than N).

Finally, at the last iteration (after the subtraction of N , when necessary),
 $C = S(m) = P(A \cdot B)N$.

To derive $F = A \cdot B \bmod N$, the P field computation, $P(C \cdot H)N$, is performed

It is desired to know, in a preferred embodiment, that for all $S(i)$'s, $S(i)$ is smaller than $2N$. This also means, that the last result ($S(m)$) can always be reduced to a quantity less than N with, at most, one subtraction of N .

We observe that for operands which are used in the process:

$S(i-1) < r^{n+1}$ (the temporary register can be one bit longer than the B or N register),
 $B < N < r^n$ and $A_{i-1} < r^k$.

By definition:

$S(i) = Z/r^k$ (The value of S at the end of the process, before a possible subtraction)

For all Z , $Z(i) < r^{n+k-1}$.

$$X_{\max} = S_{\max} + A_i \cdot B < r^{n+1} - 1 + (r^k - 1)(r^n - 1)$$

$$Q_{\max} = Y_0 N < (r^k - 1)(r^n - 1)$$

therefore:

$$Z_{\max} < r^{k+n-1} - r^{k-1} + 1 < r^{k+n+1} - 1.$$

and as Z_{\max} is divided by r^k :

$$S(m) < r^{n+1} - r^1.$$

Because $N_{\min} > r^n - r$, $S(m)_{\max}$ is always less than $2 \cdot N_{\min}$, one subtraction is all that is necessary on a final result.

$$S(m)_{\max} - N_{\min} = (r^{n+1} - r^1 - 1) - (r^n - 1) = r^n - 4 < N_{\min}.$$

Example of a Montgomery interleaved modular multiplication:

The following computations in the hexadecimal format clarify the meaning of the interleaved method:

$N = a59$, (the modulo), $A = 99b$, (the multiplier), $B = 5c3$ (the multiplicand),
 $n = 12$, $r = 2$, (the character length of N), $k = 4$, (the size in characters of the multiplier
and also the size of a segment), and $m = 3$, as $n = k \cdot m$.

$$J_0 = 7 \text{ as } 7 \cdot 9 \equiv -1 \pmod{16} \text{ and } H \equiv 2^2 \cdot 12 \pmod{a59} \equiv 44b.$$

The expected result is $F \equiv A \cdot B \pmod{N} \equiv 99b \cdot 5c3 \pmod{a59} \equiv 375811$
 $\pmod{a59} = 22016$.

Initially: $S(0) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 1} \quad X &= S(0) + A_0 \cdot B = 0 + b \cdot 5c3 = 3f61 \\ Y_0 &= X_0 \cdot J_0 \pmod{r^k} = 7 \text{ (} Y_0 \text{ - hardwire anticipated in new MAP)} \\ Z &= X + Y_0 \cdot N = 3f61 + 7 \cdot a59 = 87d0 \\ S(1) &= Z / r^k = 87d \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 2} \quad X &= S(1) + A_1 \cdot B = 87d + 9 \cdot 5c3 = 3c58 \\ Y_0 &= X_0 \cdot J_0 \pmod{r^k} = 8 \cdot 7 \pmod{2^4} = 8 \text{ (Hardwire anticipated)} \\ Z &= X + Y_0 \cdot N = 3c58 + 52c8 = 8f20 \\ S(2) &= Z / r^k = 8f2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 3} \quad X &= S(2) + A_2 \cdot B = 8f2 + 9 \cdot 5c3 = 3ccd \\ Y_0 &= d \cdot 7 \pmod{2^4} = b \text{ (Hardwire anticipated)} \\ Z &= X + Y_0 \cdot N = 3ccd + b \cdot a59 = aea0 \\ S(3) &= Z / r^k = aea, \end{aligned}$$

as $S(3) > N$,

$$S(m) = S(3) - N = aea - a59 = 91$$

Therefore $C = P(A \cdot B)N = 9116$.

Retrieval from the P field is performed by computing $P(C \cdot H)N$:

Again initially: $S(0) = 0$

$$\text{Step 1} \quad X = S(0) + C_0 \cdot H = 0 + 1 \cdot 44b = 44b$$

$$Y_0 = d \text{ (Hardwire anticipated in new MAP)}$$

$$Z = X + Y_0 \cdot N = 44b + 8685 = 8ad0$$

$$S(1) = Z / r^k = 8ad$$

$$\text{Step 2} \quad X = S(1) + C_1 \cdot H = 8ad + 9 \cdot 44b = 2f50$$

$$Y_0 = 0 \text{ (Hardwire anticipated in new MAP)}$$

$$Z = X + Y_0 \cdot N = 2f50 + 0 = 2f50$$

$$S(2) = Z / r^k = 2f5$$

$$\text{Step 3} \quad X = S(2) + C_2 \cdot H = 2f5 + 0 \cdot 44b = 2f5$$

$$Y_0 = 3 \text{ (Hardwire anticipated in new MAP)}$$

$$Z = X + Y_0 \cdot N = 2f5 + 3 \cdot a59 = 2200$$

$$S(3) = Z / r^k = 220_{16}$$

which is the expected value of $99b \ 5c3 \bmod a59$.

If at each step we disregard k LS zeros, we are in essence multiplying the n MS characters by r^k . Likewise, at each step, the i 'th segment of the multiplier is also a number multiplied by r^{ik} , giving it the same rank as $S(i)$.

It may also be noted that in another preferred embodiment, it is of potential value to know the J_0 constant.

Exponentiation

The following derivation of a sequence [D. Knuth, *The art of computer programming*, vol. 2: Seminumerical algorithms, Addison-Wesley, Reading Mass., 1981] hereinafter referred to as "Knuth", explains a sequence of squares and multiplies, which implements a modular exponentiation.

After precomputing the Montgomery constant, $H = 2^{2n}$, as this device can both square and multiply in the P field, we compute:

$$C = A^E \bmod N.$$

Let $E(j)$ denote the j bit in the binary representation of the exponent E , starting with the MS bit whose index is 1 and concluding with the LS bit whose index is q , we can exponentiate as follows for odd exponents:

$A^* \not\equiv R(A \cdot H)N$ A^* is now equal to $A \cdot 2^n$.

$B = A^*$

FOR $j = 2$ TO $q-1$

$B \not\equiv R(B \cdot B)N$

IF $E(j) = 1$ THEN

$B \not\equiv R(B \cdot A^*)N$

ENDFOR

$B \not\equiv R(B \cdot A)N$ $E(0)=1$; B is the last desired temporary result multiplied by

2^n .

A is the original A .

$C = B$

$C = C - N$ if $C \geq N$.

After the last iteration, the value B is $\not\equiv$ to $A^E \bmod N$, and C is the final value.

To clarify, we shall use the following example:

$E = 1011 \longrightarrow E(1) = 1; E(2) = 0; E(3) = 1; E(4) = 1;$

To find $A^{1011} \bmod N$; $q = 4$

$A^* = R(A \cdot H)N = AI^{-2} \quad I = AI^{-1} \bmod N$

$B = A^*$

FOR $j = 2$ to q

$B = R(B \cdot B)N$ which produces: $A^2(I^{-1})^2 \cdot I = A^2 \cdot I^{-1}$

$E(2) = 0:$ $B = A^2 \cdot I^{-1}$

$j = 3$ $B = R(B \cdot B)N = A^2(I^{-1})^2 \cdot I = A^4 \cdot I^{-1}$

$$E(3) = 1 \quad B = P(B \cdot A^*)N = (A^4 \cdot I^{-1})(AI^{-1}) \cdot I = A^5 \cdot I^{-1}$$

$$j = 4 \quad B = P(B \cdot B)N = A^{10} \cdot I^{-2} \cdot I = A^{10} \cdot I^{-1}$$

As $E(4)$ was odd, the last multiplication will be by A , to remove the parasitic I^{-1} .

$$B = P(B \cdot A)N = A^{10} \cdot I^{-1} \cdot A \cdot I = A^{11}$$

$$C = B$$

A method for computing the H parameter by a reciprocal process is described in US Patent 5,513,133.

Reference is now made to Fig. 3 which is a simplified block diagram showing how the present invention may be implemented in a smart card. An internal bus 500 links components including a CPU 502, a RAM 504, a ROM 506, a controlled access ROM 508, and modular arithmetic co-processor 510. As shown herein, the co-processor 510 is connected via data 512 and control 514 registers to the internal bus 500. The controlled access ROM 508 is connected via address and data latch means 516 and a control and test register 518. Various other devices may be attached to the bus such as a physical sequence random generator 520, security logic 522 and interfacing and resetting circuitry 524 and 526 respectively.

When a cryptographic program such as verifying an RSA signature is run, it may require modular arithmetic functions such as modular exponentiation. The cryptographic program that calls the cryptographic function is preferably run on the CPU 502. However the modular arithmetic function is carried out on the co-processor 510, the CPU 502 serving only to assist with storage and like menial tasks.

Reference is now made to Fig. 4 which is another simplified block diagram of an implementation of the present invention for use in a smart card. Parts that are the same as those shown in Fig. 3 are given the same reference numerals and are not described again, except as necessary for an understanding of the present embodiment. In Fig. 4 the CPU 502 is shown with an external accumulator 530. Detaching the CPU Accumulator from the Data Bus 500, while unloading data from the arithmetic co-processor enables direct transfer of data from the SMAP to memory.

Fig. 5 is simplified block diagram of a preferred embodiment of a data register bank within a co-processor such as co-processor 510, with a J_0 generator. The

co-processor 510 is connected to a data bus with a CPU as in previous figures. Parts that are the same as those shown in previous figures are given the same reference numerals and are not described again, except as necessary for an understanding of the present embodiment. A register bank 540 comprises a B register 542, an A register 544, an S register 546, and an N register 548. The outputs of each of the registers are connected to a serial data switch and serial process conditioner 550 which in turn is connected to an operational unit 552 which carries out the modular arithmetic operations. Connected between the N register 548 and the operational unit 552 is a J_0 generator 552.

In the embodiment the J_0 generator compiles a 1 bit primary zero forcing function for use in the modular arithmetic functions described above.

Fig. 6 is a simplified internal block diagram of the operational unit of Fig. 5. The unit preferably supports accelerated squaring operations, in that the additional Y0B0 serial buffer accepts a Y0 value in the first multiplication phase, and in the second multiplication phase, a modular reduced B_0 is used for

Reference is now made to Fig. 7a which is a block diagram of the main computational part of the operational unit of Fig. 6. Numbers appearing in circles relate to the sequence diagrams of Figs. 7B to 7D.

Reference is now made to Fig. 7b which is an event timer pointer diagram showing progressively the process leading to and including the first iteration of a squaring operation.

Reference is now made to Fig. 7c which is a generalized event sequence showing a method of eliminating the Next Montgomery Squaring delays in a first iteration of a squaring sequence. Circled numbers refer to Figs. 7a, b and d.

Reference is now made to Fig. 7d which is a generalized event timer pointer diagram illustrating the timing of the computational output of the first iteration of a squaring operation.

Reference is now made to Fig. 8 which is a schematic diagram for designing a 4 bit Y_0 zero forcing function. The variable inputs into the force function f_2 are the N_0 bits, the four S_0 bits, and the four multiplier and multiplicand bits, A_{i0} , B_{0i} , and the carry

switch. S_i is random logic, the A and B bits are input into a \otimes multiplier and \oplus added to the S_0 partial result. When $S = 0$, all carries are disconnected.

It is appreciated that various features of the invention which are, for clarity, described in the contexts of separate embodiments may also be provided in combination in a single embodiment. Conversely, various features of the invention which are, for brevity, described in the context of a single embodiment may also be provided separately or in any suitable subcombination.

It will be appreciated by persons skilled in the art that the present invention is not limited to what has been particularly shown and described hereinabove. Rather, the scope of the present invention includes both combinations and subcombinations of the various features described hereinabove as well as variations and modifications thereof which would occur to persons skilled in the art upon reading the foregoing description and which are not in the prior art.

In the following claims, symbols such as \oplus and \otimes have the meanings given in the preceding description.

CLAIMS

1. Microelectronic apparatus for performing \otimes multiplication and squaring in both polynomial based $GF(2^q)$ and $GF(p)$ field arithmetic, squaring and reduction using a serial fed radix 2^l multiplier, B , with k character multiplicand segments, A_i , and a k character \oplus accumulator wherein reduction to a limited congruence is performable "on the fly". in a systolic manner. with A_i , a multiplicand, times B , a multiplier, over a modulus, N , and a result being at most $2k + 1$ characters long, including k first emitting disregarded zero characters, which are not saved, where k characters have no less bits than the modulus, wherein said operations are carried out in two phases, the apparatus comprising:

a first (B), and second (N) main memory register, each register operative to hold at least n bit long operands, respectively operative to store a multiplier value designated B , and a modulus, denoted N , wherein the modulus is smaller than 2^n ;

a digital logic sensing detector, Y_0 , operative to anticipate "on the fly" when a modulus value is to be \oplus added to the value in the \oplus adder accumulator device such that all first k characters emitted from the device are forced to zero;

a modular multiplying device for at least k character input multiplicands, with only one, at least k characters long \oplus adder, a \oplus summation device operative to accept k character multiplicands, the \otimes multiplication device operative to switch into the \oplus accumulator device multiplicand values in turn, and in turn to receive multiplier values from a B register, and an "on the fly" simultaneously generated anticipated value as a multiplier which is operative to force k first emitting zero output characters in the first phase, wherein at each effective machine cycle at least one designated multiplicand is \oplus added into the \oplus accumulation device;

the multiplicand values to be switched in turn into the \oplus accumulation device consisting of one or two of the following three multiplicands, the first multiplicand being an all-zero string value, a second value, being the multiplicand A_i , and a third value, the N_0 segment of the modulus;

an anticipator to anticipate 1 bit k character serial input Y_0 multiplier values;

the apparatus being operable to input in turn multiplier values into the multiplying device in the first phase, said values being first the B operand, and concurrently, the second multiplier value consisting of the Y_0 , "on the fly" anticipated k character string, to force first emitted zeroes in the output;

the apparatus further comprising an \oplus accumulation device, operative to output values simultaneously as multiplicands are \oplus added into the \oplus accumulation device; and

an output transfer mechanism, operative in the second phase to output a final modular \otimes multiplication result from the \oplus accumulation device.

2. Apparatus as in claim 1 wherein \oplus summations into the \oplus accumulation device are activated by each one of a series of successively newly serially loaded higher order multiplier character values.

3. Apparatus as in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the multiplier characters are operative to cause no \oplus summation into the \oplus accumulation device if both the input B character and the corresponding input Y_0 character are zeroes;

are operative to \oplus add in only the A_i multiplicand if the input B character is a one and the corresponding Y_0 character is a zero;

are operative to \oplus add in only the N , modulus, if the B character is a zero, and the corresponding Y_0 character is a one; and

are operative to \oplus add in the \oplus summation of the modulus, N , with the multiplicand A_i if both the B input character and the corresponding Y_0 character are ones.

4. Apparatus as in claim 1, 2 or 3, operative to preload multiplicand values A_i and N into two designated preload buffers, and to \oplus summate these values into a third multiplicand preload buffer, obviating the necessity of \oplus adding in each multiplicand value separately.

5. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein the multiplier character values are arranged for input in serial single character form, the

\oplus accumulation device is arranged for output in serial single character form, and wherein the Y_0 detect device is operative to anticipate only one character in a clocked turn.

6. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein the \oplus accumulation device is operable to perform modulo 2, XOR addition/subtraction, and wherein all carry bits in addition and subtraction components are disregardable, thus not needing provisions for overflow and further limiting modular reduction in computations.

7. Apparatus according to any preceding claim wherein carry inputs are disabled to zero, and being operative to perform polynomial based multiplication.

8. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, operative to provide non-carry arithmetic by setting S equal to zero acting on an element in a circuit equation computing in $GF(2^q)$,

9. Apparatus according to any preceding claim operative to provide non-carry arithmetic by omitting carry circuitry such that the S designates omitted circuitry and reducing adders and subtractors, designated \oplus to XOR, modulo 2 addition/subtraction elements.

10. Apparatus as in claim 1 adapted such that the first k character segments emitted from the operational units are zeroes, zero forcing being controlled by the following four quantities in anticipating the next in turn Y_0 character:

- i the l bit S_{out} bits of the result of the l bit by l bit mod 2^l \otimes multiplication of the right-hand character of the A_i register times the B_d character of the B Stream, $A_0 \cdot B_d \text{ mod } 2^l$;
- ii the first emitting carry out character from the \oplus accumulation device, $S(CO_0)$;
- iii the l bit S_{out} character from the second from the right character emitting cell of the \oplus accumulation device, SO_1 ;

iv the l bit J_0 value, which is the negative multiplicative inverse of the right-hand character in the N_0 modulus multiplicand register.

wherein values, $A_0 \cdot B_d \bmod 2^l$, $S(CO_0)$, and SO_1 are \oplus added character to character together and "on the fly" multiplied by the J_0 character to output a valid Y_0 zero-forcing anticipatory character to force an l bit egressing string of zeroes.

11. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, operable to perform \otimes multiplication on polynomial based operands in a reverse mode, said multiplication comprising multiplying from right hand MS characters to left hand LS characters, said apparatus further being operative to perform modular reduced \otimes multiplication without utilizing Montgomery type parasitic functions.

12. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, further comprising preload buffers, which buffers are serially fed and which are connected such that multiplicand values are preloadable into the preload buffers on the fly from one or more memory devices.

13. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, operable to \oplus sum a previously emitted value from an additional n bit register, S , into the output value of the \oplus accumulation device via a 1 bit \oplus adder circuit such that first emitting output characters are zeroes.

wherein the Y_0 detector is operative to detect any necessity of \oplus adding moduli to the \oplus summation in the \oplus accumulation device.

wherein the Y_0 detector is further operative to detect utilization of the next in turn \oplus added characters $A_0 \cdot B_d \bmod 2^l$, $S(CO_0)$, SO_1 , S_d and $S(CO_z)$, and the composite of \oplus added characters to be finite field \otimes multiplied on the fly by the l bit J_0 value.

14. Apparatus according to claim 10 or claim 13, wherein for $l = 1$, J_0 is implicitly 1, and the $J_0 \otimes$ multiplication is carried out implicitly.

15. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein a comparator is operative to sense a finite field output from the \otimes modular multiplication device whilst

operating in $GF(p)$, wherein the first right hand emitting k zero characters are disregarded, wherein the output is larger than the modulus, N , the apparatus thereby being operative to control a modular reduction whence said value is output from a memory register to which an output stream from the multiplier device is destined, and thereby not requiring a second memory storage device for smaller ones of resulting product values.

16. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, which, for \otimes modular multiplication in the $GF(2^q)$, is operative to carry out multiplication without an externally precomputed more than 1 bit zero-forcing factor.

17. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, operative to compute a J_0 constant by resetting either the A operand value or the B operand value to zero and setting a partial result value, S_0 , to 1.

18. Microelectronic apparatus for performing interleaved finite field \otimes modular multiplication of two integers A and B , so as to generate an output stream of A times B modulus N , wherein a number of characters in a modulus operand register, n , is larger than a segment length of k characters wherein the \otimes modular multiplication is performed in a plurality of interleaved iterations, wherein at each interleaved iteration, operands are input into a \otimes multiplying device, said operands comprising any one of N , B , a previously computed partial result, S , and a k character string segment of A , the segments progressing from a first string segment A_0 to a higher string segment A_{m-1} , wherein each iterative result is \oplus summated into a next temporary result, wherein at least first emitted characters of said iterations are zeroes, the apparatus comprising:

first (B), second (S) and third (N) main memory registers, each register respectively operative to store a multiplier value, a partial result value and a modulus;

a modular multiplying device operative to \oplus summate into an \oplus accumulation device, in turn one or two of a plurality of multiplicand values, during each one of a plurality of phases of the iterative \otimes multiplication process, and in turn to receive as multipliers, inputs from:

said B register.

an "on the fly" anticipating value (Y_0) source, said anticipating value being usable as a multiplier to force first emitting right-hand zero output characters in each iteration, and

said N. register;

the multiplicand parallel registers operative at least to receive in turn, values from the A, B, and N registers, and also said zero forcing (Y_0) value;

the apparatus further comprising a zero forcing (Y_0) detect device operative to generate a binary string operative to be a multiplier during a first multiplication phase and operative to be a multiplicand in a second multiplication phase;

the apparatus being operable to obtain multiplicand values suitable for switching into the \oplus accumulation device for the first multiplication phase, said values comprising firstly a zero value, secondly a value, A_i , being a k character string segment of a multiplicand, A , and a third value N_0 , being the first emitting k characters of the modulus, N ;

the apparatus further being operable to utilize a temporary result value, S , resulting from a previous iteration, to be \oplus summated with a present result value emanating from the \oplus accumulation device, to generate a partial result for a next-in-turn iteration;

the apparatus further being operable to utilize multiplicand values to be input, in turn, into the \oplus accumulation device for a second multiplication phase comprising firstly a zero value, secondly an A_i operand, remaining in place from the first phase, and thirdly a Y_0 value having been anticipated in the first multiplication phase;

multiplier values input into the multiplying device in the first phase being firstly an emitted string, B_0 , said multiplication device being operable to multiply said string concurrently \otimes with a second \otimes multiplier value consisting of the anticipated Y_0 string which is simultaneously loaded character by character as it is generated into a preload multiplicand buffer for the second phase;

two multiplier values operable to be input into the apparatus during a second phase being left hand $n-k$ character values from the B operand, designated \underline{B} , and the left hand $n-k$ characters of the N modulus, designated \underline{N} , respectively; and

wherein said apparatus further comprises a multiplying flush out device operative in a last multiplication phase to transfer a left hand segment of a result value remaining in the \oplus accumulation device into a result register.

19. Apparatus as in claim 18, operable to perform \otimes multiplication on polynomial based operands in a reverse mode, multiplying from MS characters to LS characters, and thereby being able to perform modular reduction without Montgomery type parasitic functions.

20. An apparatus operative in modular multiplication to anticipate a Y_0 value using first emitted values of a multiplicand, and present inputs of a B multiplier, carry out values from a \oplus accumulation device, \oplus summation values from the \oplus accumulation device, the present values from a previously computed partial result, and carry out values from a \oplus adder which \oplus summates the result from the \oplus accumulation device with the previous partial result.

21. An apparatus as in claim 20 adapted to ensure that k first emitted values from the device are zeroes, said adaptation comprising anticipation of a next in turn Y_0 character using the following quantities:

- i l bit S_{out} bits of a result of l bit by l bit mod 2^l \otimes multiplication of the right-hand character of an A_i register times the B_d character of the B Stream, $A_0 \cdot B_d \text{ mod } 2^l$;
- ii a first emitting carry out character from the \oplus accumulation device, $S(CO_0)$;
- iii the l bit S_{out} character from a second from the right-hand character emitting cell of the \oplus accumulation device, SO_1 ;
- iv a next in turn character value from the S stream, S_d ;
- v a l bit carry out character from a Z output full adder, $S(CO_z)$;
- vi a l bit J_0 value, which is a negative multiplicative inverse of a right-hand character in the N_0 modulus multiplicand register;

wherein values. $A_0 \cdot B_d \bmod 2^l$. $S(CO_0)$, SO_1 , S_d are \oplus added character to character together and "on the fly" \otimes multiplied by the J_0 character to output a valid Y_0 zero-forcing anticipatory character.

22. Apparatus as in any one of claims 18 to 21, comprising at least one sensor operative to compare an output result to N , the mechanism operative to actuate a second subtractor on the output of the result register, thereby to output a modular reduced value which is limited congruent to the output result value, thereby avoiding any necessity to allot a second memory storage for a smaller result.

23. Apparatus according to any one of claims 18 to 22, wherein a value which is a \oplus summation of two multiplicands is loadable into a preload character buffer comprising at least a k character memory register whilst one of the said two multiplicands is concurrently loaded into another preload buffer.

24. Apparatus with one \oplus accumulation device, and an anticipating zero forcing mechanism, operative to perform a series of interleaved \otimes modular multiplications and squarings, and being adapted to perform concurrently the equivalent of three natural integer multiplication operations, such that a result is an exponentiation.

25. Apparatus according to any one of claims 18 to 24, wherein next in turn used multiplicands are preloaded into a preload register buffer on the fly.

26. An apparatus according to any one of claims 18 to 25, operable to \oplus sum two multiplicands into at least a k character register whilst concurrently loading one of the two multiplicands into a preload buffer.

27. Apparatus according to any one of claims 18 to 26, wherein apparatus buffers and registers are operative to be loaded with values from external memory sources and to be unloaded into an external memory source during computations, such that a maximum size of the operands is independent of sizes of said registers and said buffers.

28. Apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 27, comprising a memory register, said memory register being typically serial -single -character -in /serial-single-character- out, parallel- at- least- k -characters- in/ parallel-at-least- k -characters-out, serial -single- character -in/ parallel -at -least - k -characters -out, and parallel- k -characters- in/ serial- single- character- out.

29. An apparatus according to any preceding claim operable to provide, during a final phase of a \otimes multiplication type iteration, at inputs of said multiplication device, a plurality of zero characters, which zero characters are operative to flush out a left hand segment of a memory of the carry save \oplus accumulator.

30. An apparatus as in any one of claims 18 to 29, operable to preload next in turn multiplicands into preload memory buffers on the fly, prior to their being required in an iteration.

31. An apparatus according to any one of claims 18 to 29, operable to preload multiplicand values into preload buffers on the fly from a central storage memory.

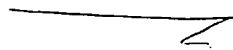
32. Microelectronic method for performing interleaved finite field \otimes modular multiplication of two integers A and B , so as to generate an output stream of A times B modulus N , wherein a number of characters in a modulus operand register, n , is larger than a segment length of k characters, wherein the \otimes modular multiplication is performed in a plurality of interleaved iterations, wherein at each interleaved iteration, operands are input into a \otimes multiplying device, said operands comprising any one of N , B , a previously computed partial result, S , and a k character string segment of A , a multiplicand, the segments progressing from a first string segment A_0 to a higher string segment A_{m-1} , wherein each iterative result is \oplus summated into a next temporary result, wherein at least first emitted characters of said iterations are zeroes, the method comprising the steps of:

\oplus summing into an \oplus accumulation device, in turn one or two of a plurality of multiplicand values, during each one of a plurality of phases of the iterative \otimes multiplication process, and in turn receiving as multipliers, inputs from:

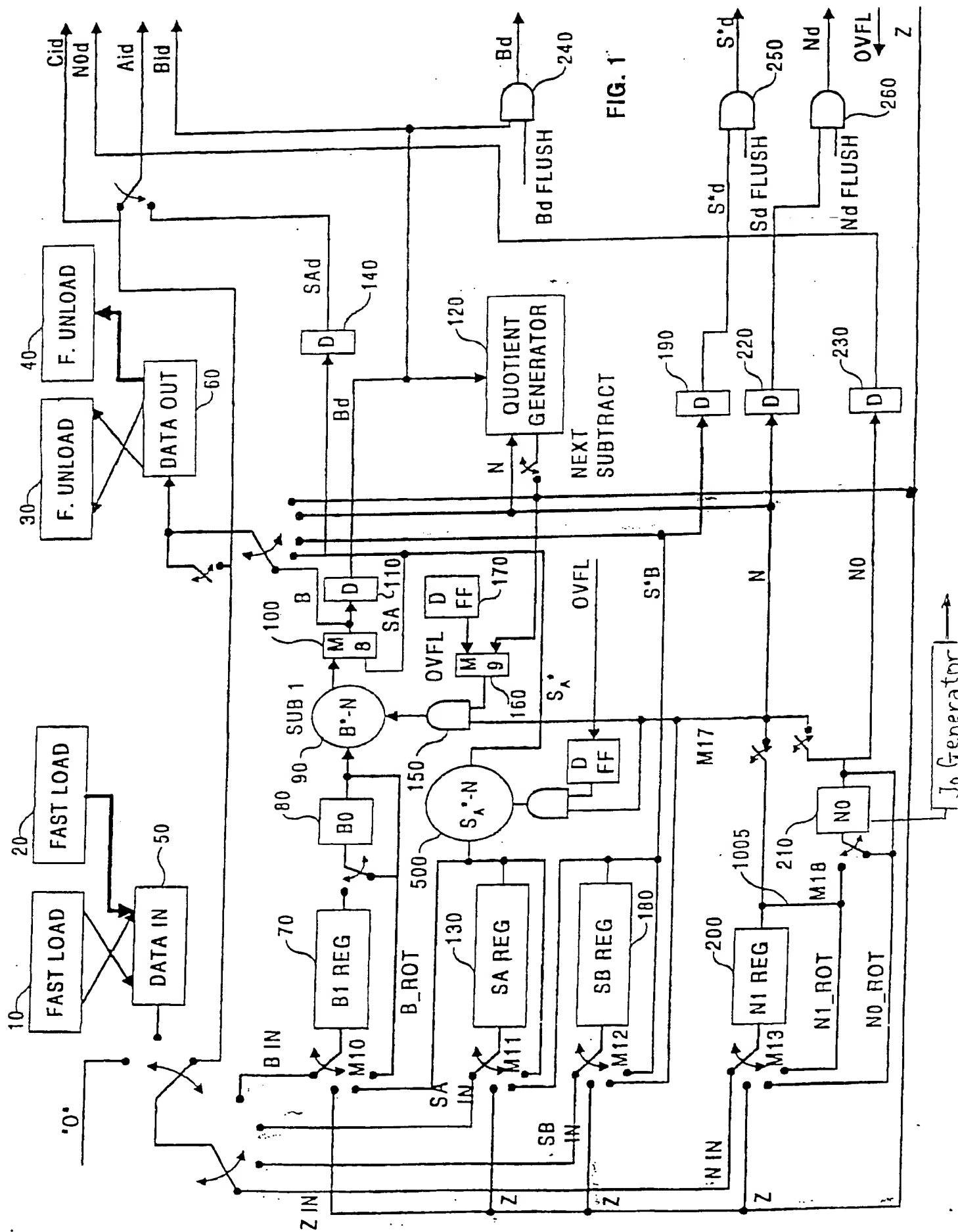
a B register,
 an "on the fly" anticipating value, Y_0 , operable as a multiplier to force first emitting right-hand zero output characters in each iteration, and
 an N , register;
 generating a binary string operative to be a multiplier during a first multiplication phase and operative to be a multiplicand in a second multiplication phase;
 obtaining multiplicand values suitable for switching into the \oplus accumulation device for the first multiplication phase consisting firstly of a zero value, secondly a value, A_i , which is a k character string segment of a multiplicand, A , and thirdly a value N_0 , being the first emitted k characters of the modulus, N ;
 obtaining a temporary result value, S , resulting from a previous iteration, and \oplus summing said temporary result value, S , with a present result value emanating from the \oplus accumulation device, to generate a partial result for a next in turn iteration;
 obtaining multiplicand values for a second multiplication phase comprising firstly a zero value, secondly an A_i operand, remaining in place from the first phase, and thirdly a Y_0 value having been anticipated in the first phase;
 utilizing multiplier values obtained in the first phase, said values being firstly an emitted string, B_0 , and multiplying said string concurrently \otimes with a second \otimes multiplier value consisting of the anticipated Y_0 string as it is simultaneously loaded character by character whilst being generated into a preload multiplicand buffer for the second phase;
 obtaining two multiplier values during the second multiplication phase, said values being left hand $n-k$ character values from the B operand, designated \underline{B} , and the left hand $n-k$ characters of the N modulus, designated \underline{N} , respectively; and
 in a last multiplication phase transferring a left hand segment of a result value remaining in the \oplus accumulation device into a result register.

33. A method according to claim 18 comprising computing $J_0=Y_0$ for $l=1$ by resetting both A and B to zero and setting $S_0 = 1$.

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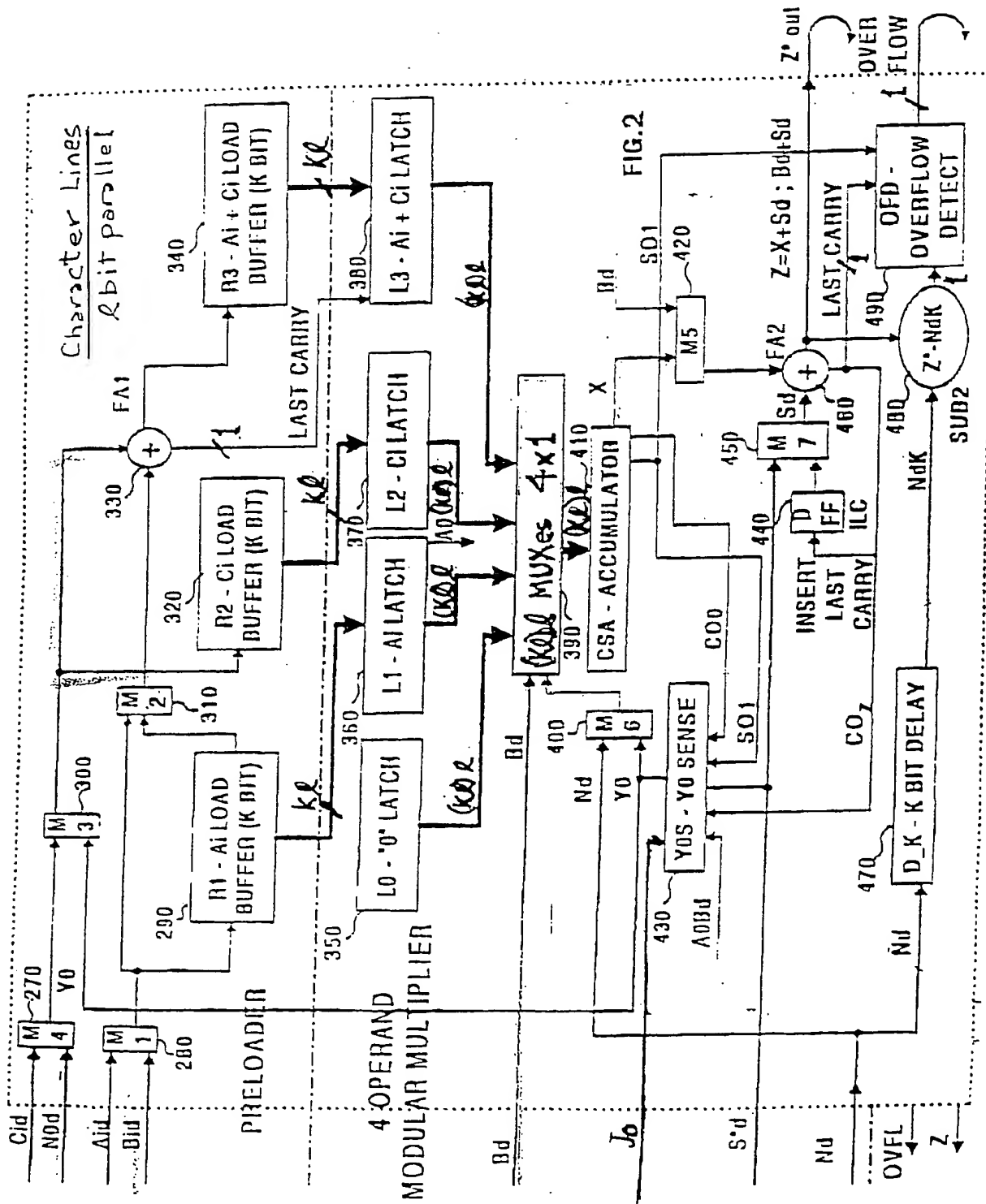


Fig. 2

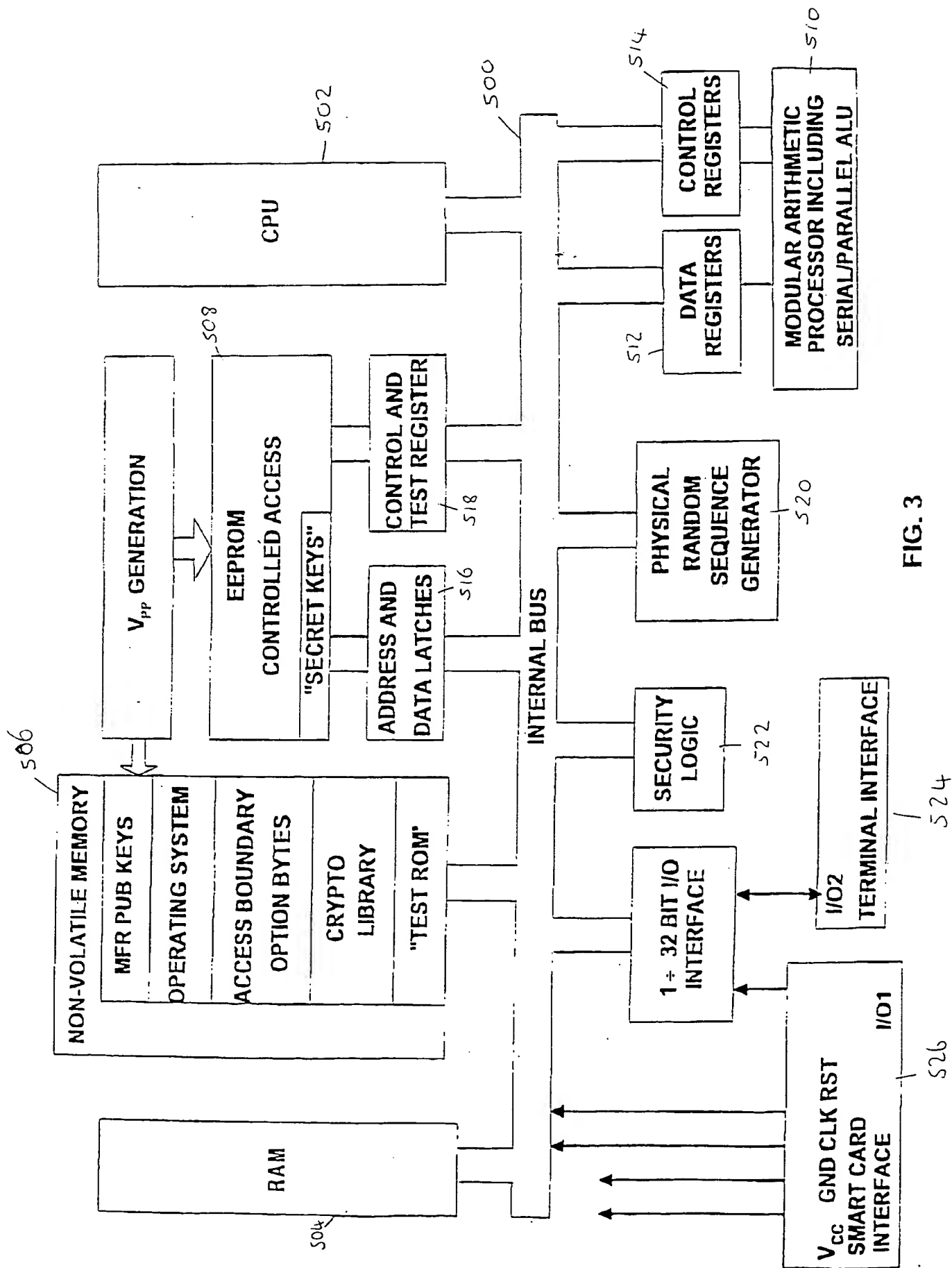
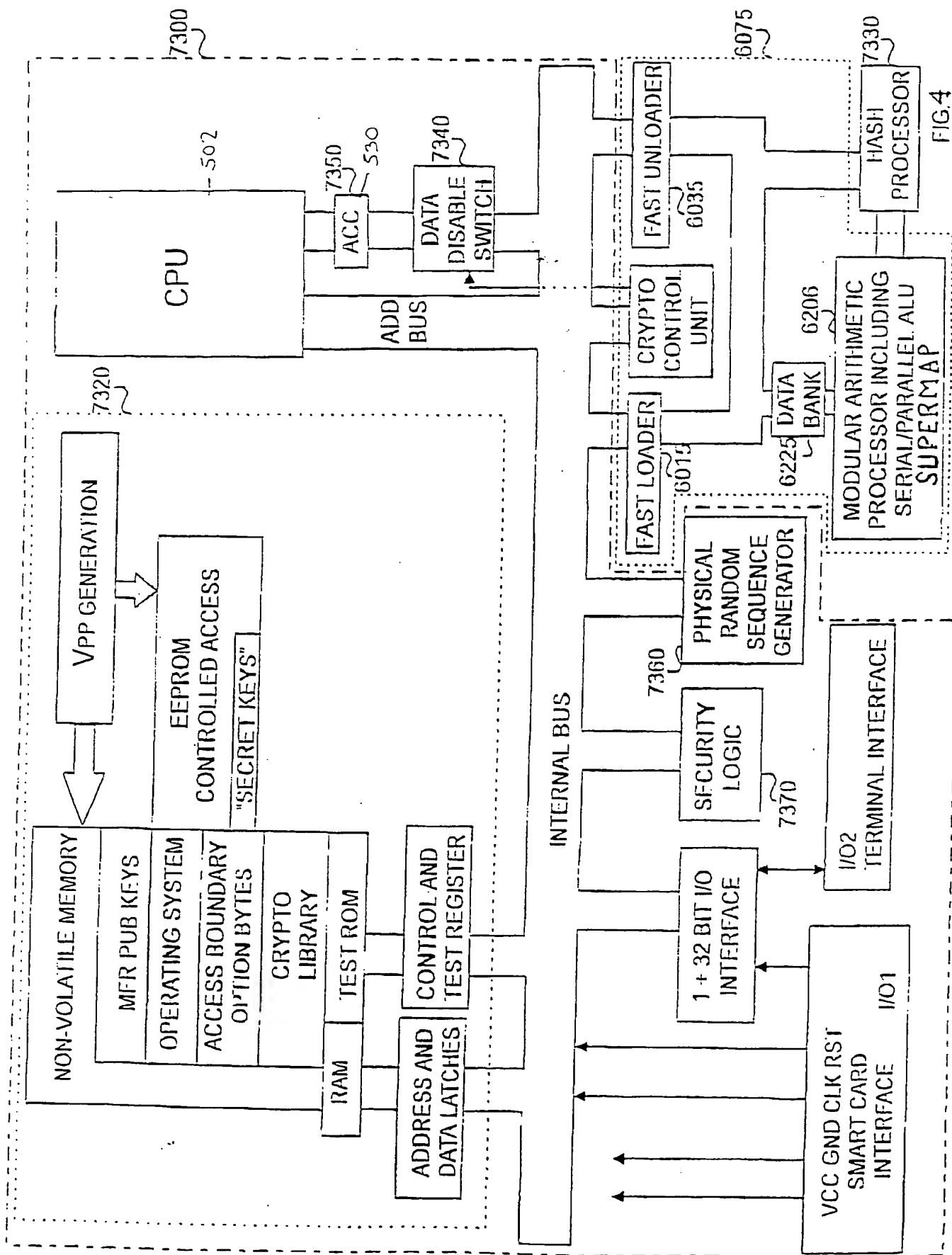


FIG. 3



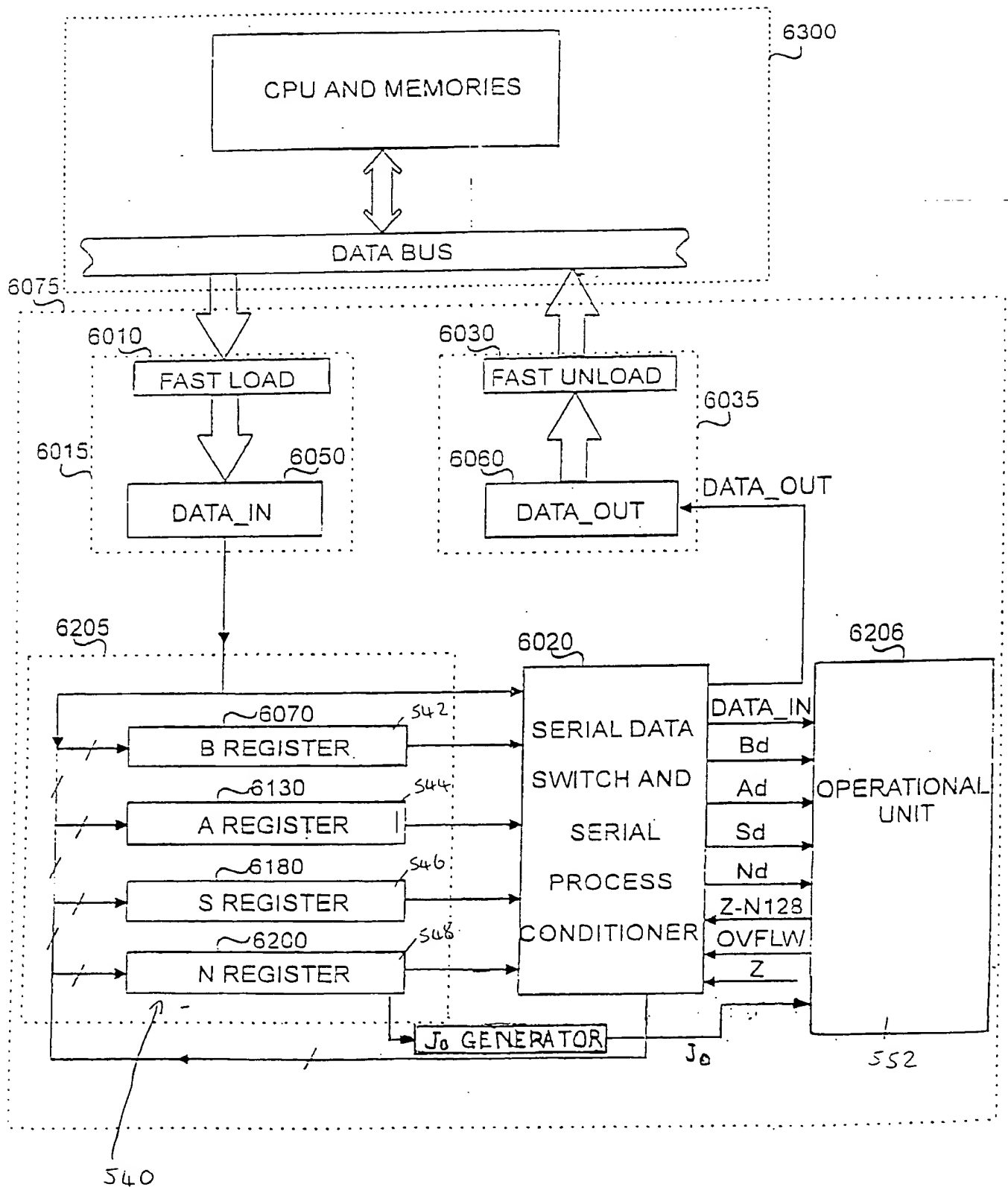
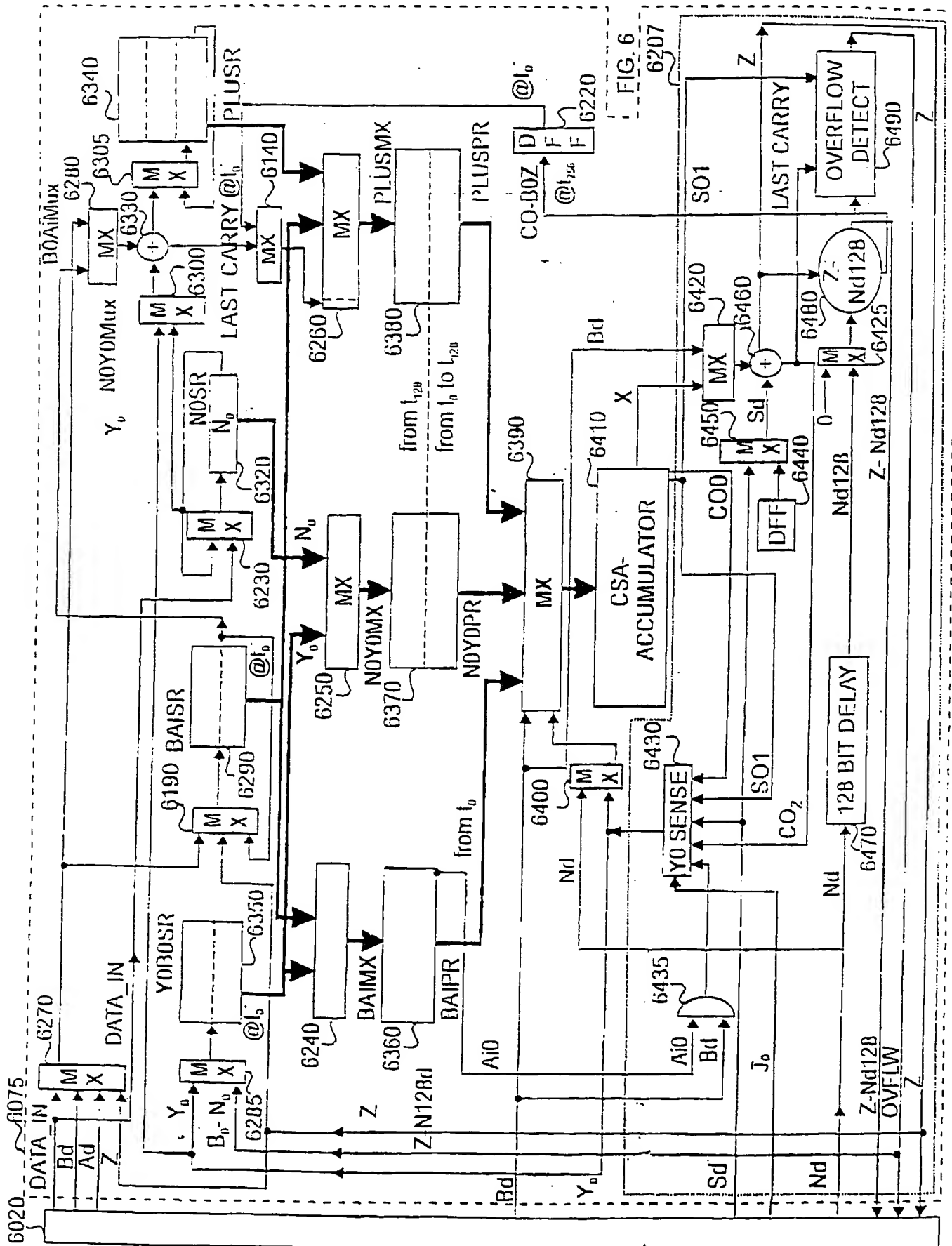
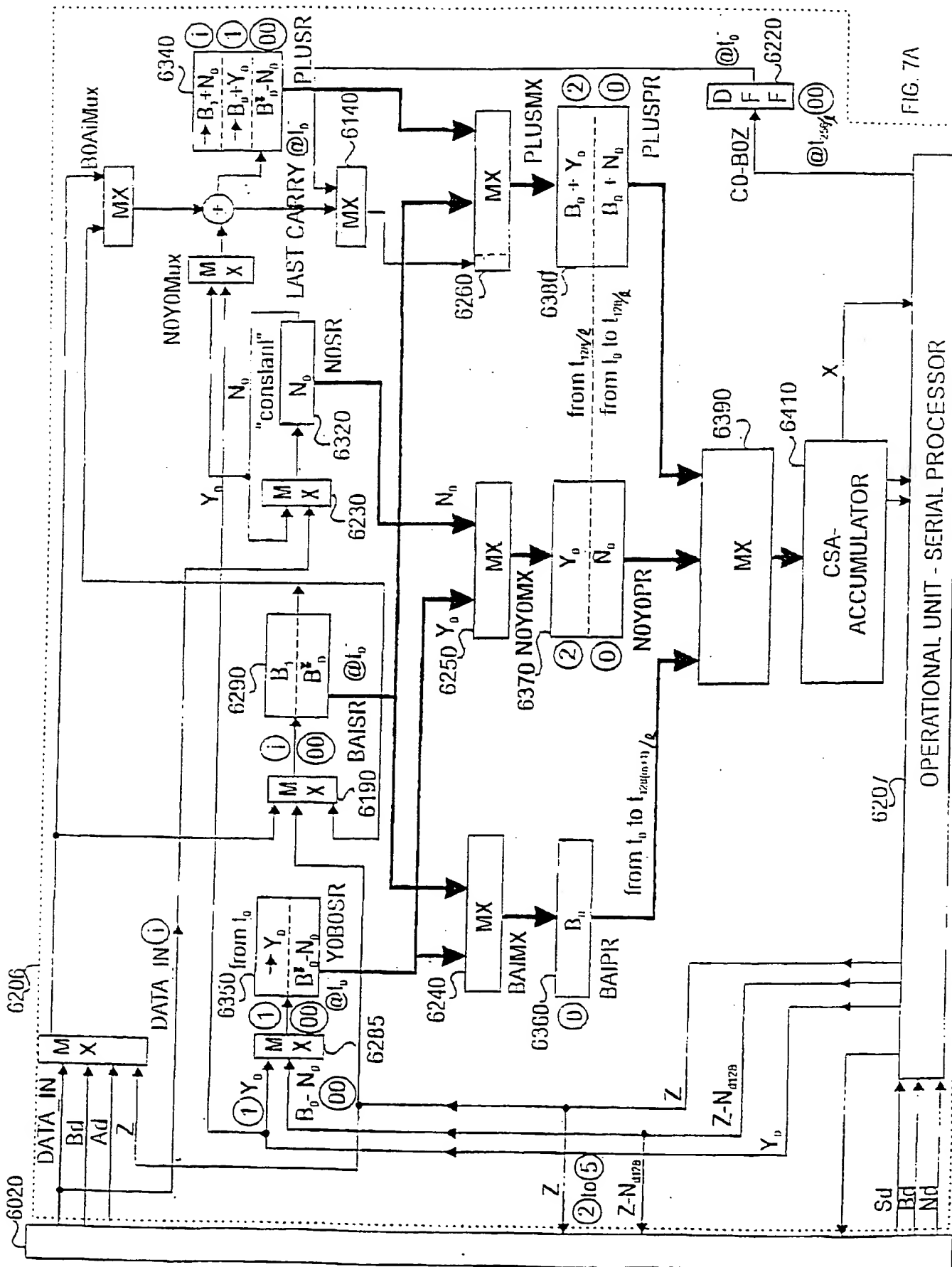


FIG. 5





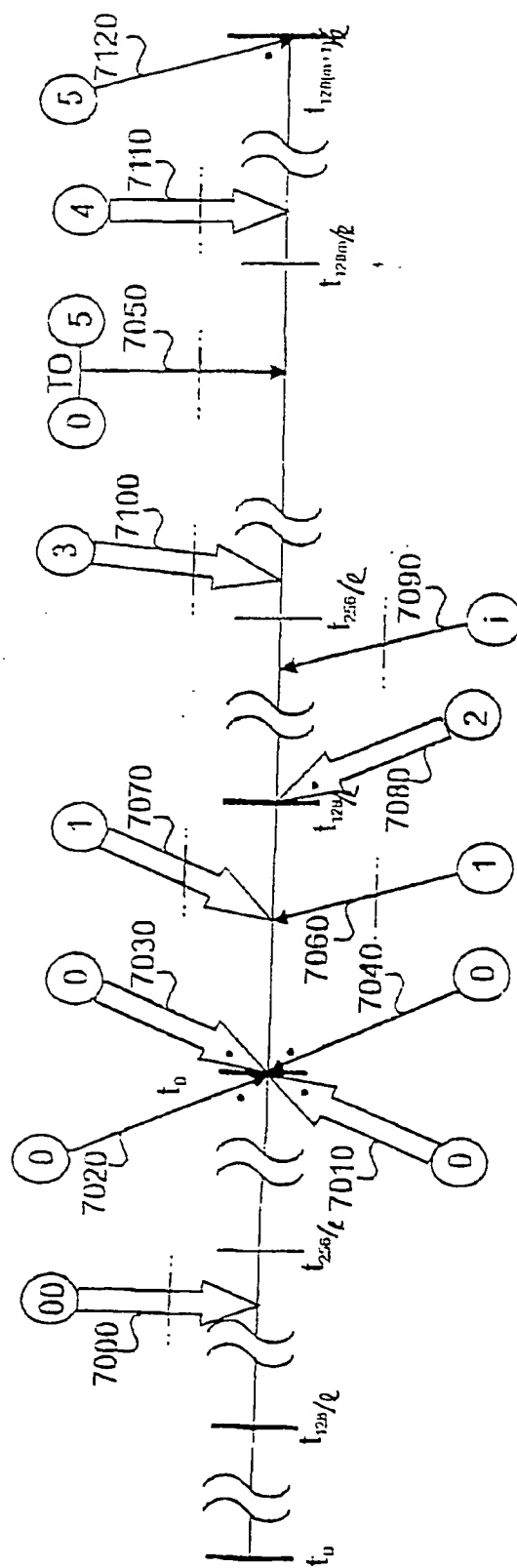


FIG. 7B

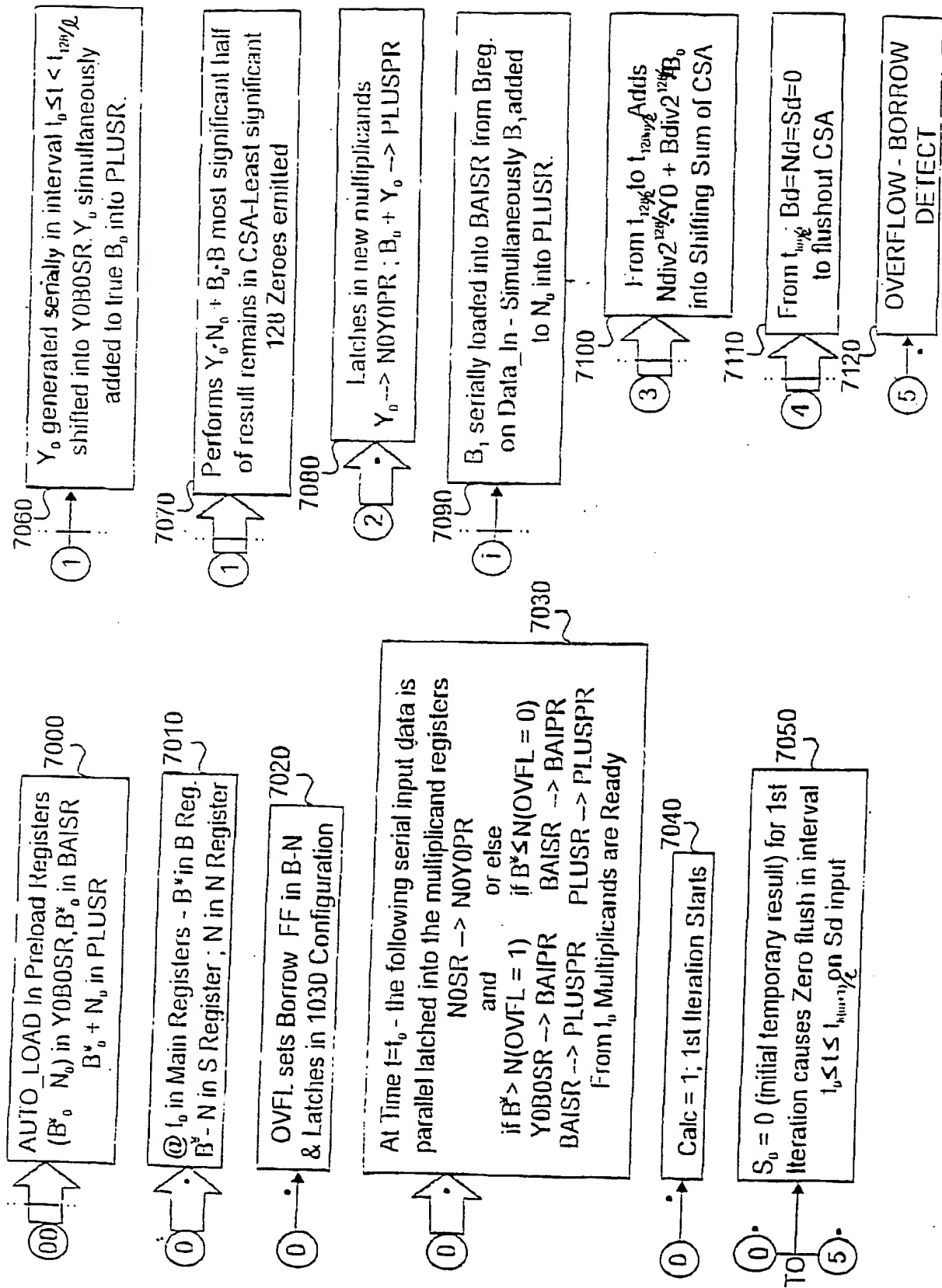


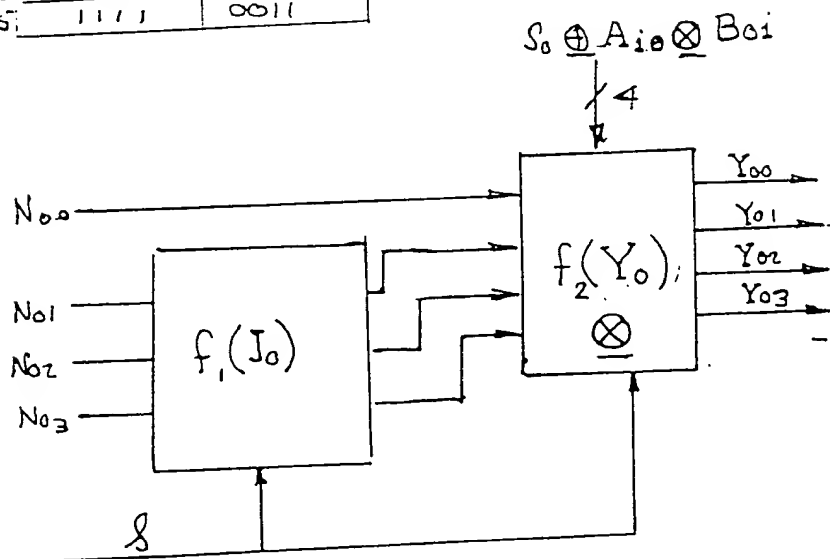
FIG. 7C

	N_0	N_0^{-1}	$-(N_0^{-1})$
1	0001	0001	1111
3	0011	1011	0101
5	0101	1101	0011
7	0111	0111	1001
9	1001	1001	0111
11	1011	1011	0101
13	1101	0101	1011
15	1111	1111	0001

$\ell=1$
GF(p)

	N_0	$1-N_0^{-1} = N_0^{-1}$
1	0001	0001
3	0011	1111
5	0101	0101
7	0111	1011
9	1001	1001
11	1011	0101
13	1101	1101
15	1111	0011

$\ell=0$
No Carry
GF(2⁹)



$\ell=4$

Fig. 8